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A look at the new Vigo library...

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"It's a beautiful building!"
"It sure is!"

That's what two visitors to the Vigo County Public Library had to say as they toured the new facility Sunday along with several hundred other people from Vigo and surrounding counties.

Beautiful was also the adjective used to describe VCPL by 89-year-old Shubert Sebree who has lived most of his life in this community and began reading library books when the city library was located in the former Universalist Church, 119 N. Eighth St.

"I can hardly believe my eyes," said Sebree Sunday afternoon as he sat in the new library's main lobby area admiring the interior decorations. "My first impressions as I came in the door were what treasures can be found on the shelves here."

Sebree first discovered the world of books as a youngster living in Terre Haute. "I had little formal schooling except for what I learned from going to the library," he said.

His cousins had library cards and would take him along when the li-

One writer's view of the new building

brary was located in the Universalist Church. "The old library was just a bare room," he recalled. "There were only about five or six thousand books."

When the Emeline Fairbanks Library opened in 1906, Sebree became one of its first patrons, and today, he intends to be an active visitor to the new VCPL. "I intend to make use of the services here," he said, "especially of the audio-visual department. They have so many fine documentary films on civil rights, labor movements, travel — great variety."

Of particular interest to Sebree is a documentary film on Eugene V. Debs whom Sebree knew as a personal friend. In fact, Sebree not only is the narrator of the Debs' film, but of two other documentaries owned by the library.

Board member Rosemary Duwelius summed up her feelings about the day with this comment, "It's exciting! Every time I come in

the library I get more and more excited. It's a wonderful building. We're pleased to see the number of people here today!"

Rev. Philip Meyer, pastor of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, said "It's an extremely beautiful building! Makes the whole block look almost new. I think the building is going to be a real source of pride to the community. The city and county ought to be very proud of a building like this!"

Steve Suckow, who worked at the Emeline Fairbanks library from 1964 to 1966, attended the grand opening Sunday and had this to say, "It's an outstanding facility! Beauty and a functional aspect is combined in the building."

Ray Ewick, director of the state library in Indianapolis, also participated in the day's festivities. He praised the new library and said it had a very "warm and open feeling" about it.

Perhaps director Ed Howard's reaction summed up what many staff members were feeling Sunday. "I feel numb," he said. "It doesn't seem like it's really happening. It's something we've waited for for so long and it's such a happy event!"



OBSERVE SECURITY — Frances Wilson, left, Vigo County Public Library switchboard operator, demonstrates the library's security system to visitors

Phyllis Highsmith and Shirley Bevenschon. Closed-circuit television monitors are located throughout the building.

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OVERALL VIEW — This picture shows an overall view of the new Vigo County Public Library, located on the site of the former Wiley High

School between Walnut and Poplar streets on Seventh Street.

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Hundreds participated in the opening



RIBBON-CUTTING — A ribbon stretched across the Poplar Street entrance to the new building was cut by Arch Dunbar, president of the VCPL board.

On hand are Adrienne Dunn, 13, Sacred Heart School; Jamie Jacob, 10, Lost Creek Elementary; and Shubert Sebree, library patron.



VCPL ISN'T JUST BOOKS — Children and teenagers visiting the new library Sunday found out the library isn't just books. In the Audio-Visual

Department, for example, patrons may listen to phonograph records or watch films on miniature television sets.

GRAND OPENING — Several hundred participants and visitors gathered at the Vigo County Public Library Poplar Street entrance Sunday afternoon to observe the grand opening ceremonies, which included a flag raising and ribbon-cutting. Members of the South Vigo High School Marching Band played several selections, including the national anthem.

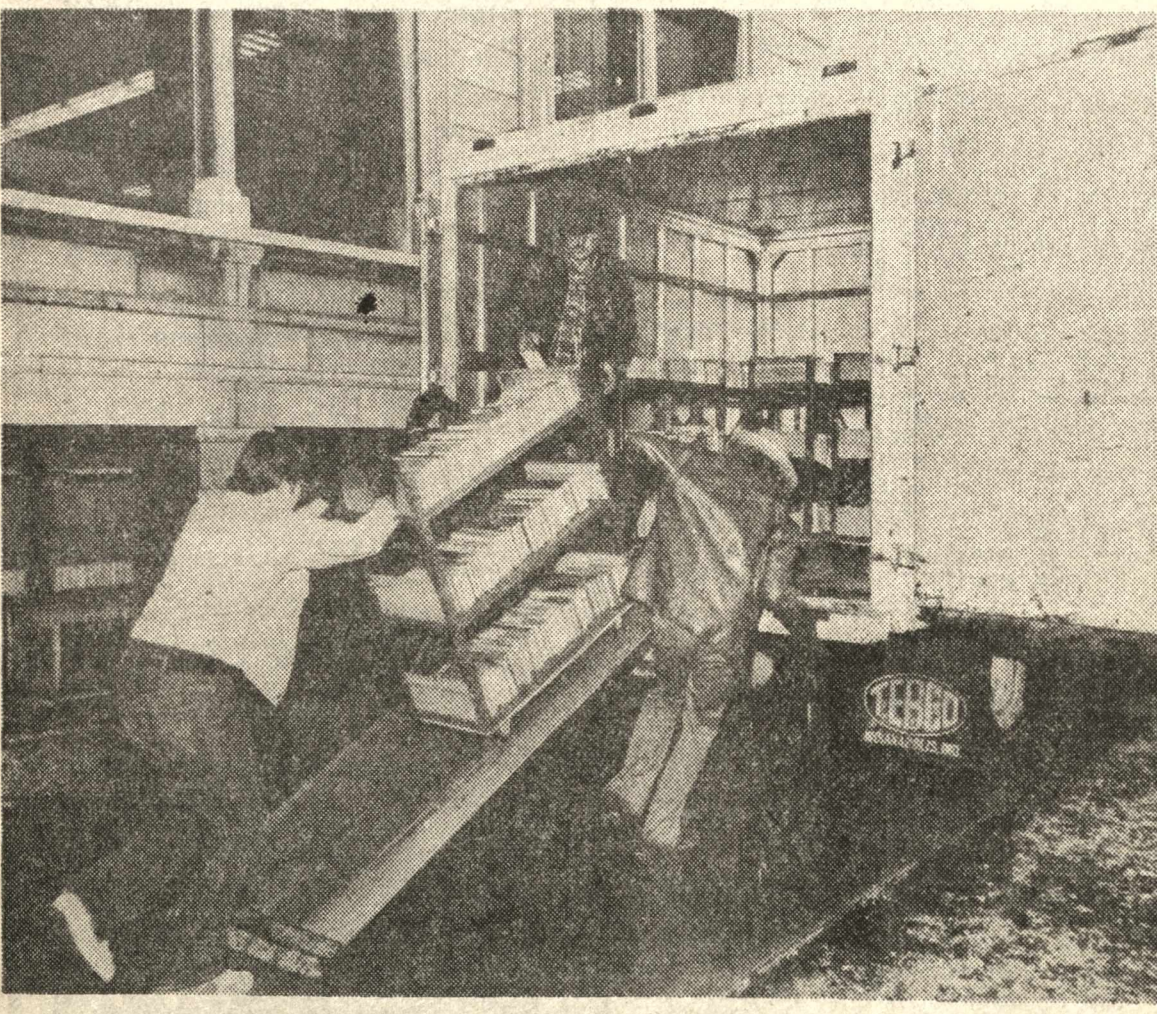




BOOK BY BOOK — Library staff members like Norma Coleman, clerk at the checkout services, work stacking the volumes one by one on special carts which eventually will be loaded onto the moving truck. Books are taken from the library shelves from left to right and placed in that order on the carts. When it comes time to reshelve the volumes in the new library, they are arranged in the proper order for the browsing reader.



BOX BY BOX — Contents of desks and many other items besides books have to be moved to the new library. Jayne Lloyd and Kathlene Davidson, library public relations, label boxes to insure each department can account for its equipment after the move.



STACK BY STACK — Books from the old Emeline Fairbanks Library on North Seventh Street are moved stack by stack to the new library located on South Seventh Street. Workers of Library Relocation Consultants of Bloomington load about 2,500 volumes

on 25 carts in five minutes time. The crew can usually haul two truckloads in one hour, according to Ted Sowder, owner of the company. A new problem for the library has been a delay in the delivery of the shelving units.

What it takes to move a public library

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Vigo County Public Library transition now under way

How do you move a library? Simple — take it book by book, stack by stack, box by box and day by day!

For the past weeks, the Library Relocation Consultants firm of Bloomington has been doing just that with the contents of the old Emeline Fairbanks Library — all of which are being moved to the new Vigo County Public Library location at Seventh and Poplar streets.

The tedious process began April 4 and should be completed within a few days (after shelves are assembled) so that staff members can begin concentrating on the new library's gala opening scheduled now for April 29.

An open house is scheduled for that afternoon from 2:30 to 5 p.m. for the public to visit and tour the facility.

A week-long celebration is planned, with each day featuring something special like children's day and author's day.

In the meantime, library staff and consultant workers are winding up the move.

According to Ed Howard, library director, 46 staff members are making the move from the Fairbanks library to the South Seventh Street location.

"We're aware we have many things to do and a feeling of responsibility to do these things right," said Howard of the move. "There's been great cooperation and spirit among the staff."

Ted Sowder, owner of Library Relocation Consultants, stated that 12 of his employees are engaged in the effort. "There are about 150,000 volumes to be moved," informed Sowder, "and we can move about 2,500 books at one time in the truck."

A shipment of parts necessary to assemble the metal book shelves, which have already been delivered, was expected to arrive Friday or Monday.

Howard said in an earlier story, Estely Corp., located in Red Bank, N.J., failed to deliver the brackets and other "essential parts" with the book shelves.

"We can provide all facility and information services," said Howard, "and personal services, except for those things that require use of the majority of our book collection."

Howard also stated there would be complete audio visual services and meeting rooms would be open for public use.



DAY BY DAY — Each day thousands of books are moved to the new library site. Some 150,000 volumes in all will have to be reshelfed (when the shelves arrive) in proper order — no small task!

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Library Board up-dated on legislation

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Vigo County's Library Board heard all about laws at a regular meeting recently—laws that would affect libraries in Indiana.

VCPL Director Betty Martin presented several bills that have been sponsored by Indiana Library Association and Indiana Library Trustees Associa-

tion for General Assembly passage this session.

Mrs. Martin endorsed the bills and requested lobbying support from board members at the Monday night meeting.

One bill would increase the amount of state funds distributed to libraries, Mrs.

Martin said. The 1977 legislature allocated \$832,000 for each year of the two-year budget period with Vigo County's share being approximately \$22,000 for each of the years. The legislation would increase the increment for the second year.

The increase is being requested, Mrs. Martin said, because assistance is needed for libraries which have to meet increased costs, state-imposed spending controls and provide at least minimum standards of library service.

A second bill that would fund INCOLSA is also endorsed. INCOLSA is a state-wide, computer-based network which links all types of libraries with a national data base.

Another bill would allow state funding of regional, multi-county cooperatives of libraries—known as Area Library Services Authorities.

Another bill would change

the statutory maximum tax rate for public libraries.

The proposed legislation would raise the maximum rate from 45 cents to 55 cents.

Mrs. Martin urged library board members to support the bills and show support for them at the General Assembly sessions. She said area representatives should be contacted and urged to vote for the measures.

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**Several items considered
by Vigo Library board**
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The Vigo County Library Board met in regular session Monday evening to consider several agenda items.

The board granted authorization to advertise for bids on furnishings and equipment for the new main library building, setting a special meeting for Thursday, Feb. 16, at 2 p.m. to open bids on that phase of the building project.

Contracts will be awarded at

the regular board meeting on Feb. 20.

David Johnston, board member, presented a summary report on the West Terre Haute branch library site improvement project.

He said minor details of painting and repair and much of the landscape planting had been postponed for warmer weather.

The parking lot at the site has been paved and is in use, according to the report.

Vigo County Public Library Director Ed Howard, during his regular report, introduced Darlene Norman, who has been accepted as an intern with the VCPL for a three month period. She will serve under the joint supervision of Howard and Dr. William P. Maxam, professor of political science, and Dr. James L. McDowell, director of the Center for Governmental Services, both of Indiana State University. The internship is being accomplished in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Master of Public Admin-

istration degree.

Other special reports were received from Carol Sutherland, Southland branch librarian assistant, and Betty Martin, assistant director of the VCPL.

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r, Terre Haute, Ind., Wednesday, February 1, 1978.



PLAN AHEAD — Indiana Governor Otis R. Bowen recently met with members of the planning committee for the Indiana Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information Services scheduled to occur this summer. Mrs. Alice Wert, standing to the right of Gov. Bowen, is serving as chairman of the planning committee. Dr. Richard Pierard, standing directly behind the governor's chair, is another Terre Hautean serving on the committee. The conference will serve to prepare Indiana librarians and patrons for a national conference proposed for September 1979.

VCPL Staff Member Named Chairman Of Conference

Mrs. Alice Wert, staff member at the Vigo County Public Library, has been appointed chairman of the Indiana Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information Services. The event will take place Aug. 11-13 at the Atkinson Hotel, Indianapolis.

The conference will take place in preparation for the President's White House Conference on Library and Information Services—designed to draw public attention to the importance of national information resources—planned for September 1979.

Governor Otis R. Bowen has given his support and sponsorship to the state conference and will be the keynote speaker at the opening session this summer.

The Indiana Conference is intended for lay leaders, users and potential users of library services and librarians from the various geographical areas of the state. Conference goal is to bring about cooperation between citizens and librarians in an effort to identify information needs. It also seeks to involve the public at the grassroots level in deciding action in support of needed services.

The composition of the official delegation of 250 voting members and 100 alternates will consist of one-third librarians and library trustees and two-thirds lay persons. The general sessions and exhibits will be open to the public.

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Ceremony to cite improvements at West library

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A special Flag Day ceremony with a gift presentation of American and state flags to West Terre Haute Branch of Vigo County Public Library is scheduled 2 p.m. Wednesday at the library.

The ceremony celebrates completion of major portions of the renovation project which has been under way at the West Branch during the past years.

Earl C. Rodgers, project architect of Earl C. Rodgers & Associates, and Rep. William D. Roach (D-Terre Haute) are to present flags to Arch Dunbar, library board president, and David L. Johnston, board treasurer.

A member of the American Legion Cadet Band will perform "To the Colors" at the flag raising. Flags will be folded for the raising in accordance with military procedure by 30-year U.S. Navy veteran William Law, head of maintenance at the library.

According to Ed Howard, VCPL director, the flags will wave continuously at the west site due to the installation of a dusk to dawn light near the flag pole.

The most visible change at West Branch, Howard said, is the construction of a 19-space parking lot. The parking facility was made available through the purchase of an adjacent

empty building and lot. Other improvements include landscaping; electrical work for the community meeting room, parking lot and restrooms; the newly painted interior; and roof and gutter renovation.

Although the library has been kept in good repair since its inception 17 years ago, no major physical improvements — other than installation of an air-conditioning unit in 1969 have taken place prior to the 1976-78 project.

West Branch was the first county extension service to be developed after VCPL became a county library. It began operation in September, 1961, due to the collective efforts of a group of West Terre Haute citizens and VCPL administrators who recognized a need to provide that community with a local library service, according to Howard. Their efforts culminated in the purchase of a two-story brick structure. Provisions were made to include a full-time librarian and clerk, book and materials collection, check-out system and a community meeting room.

The West Branch has pioneered in such areas as summer children's film festivals and year-around adult education programs as well as story hours and puppet shows for youngsters, Howard said.

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LIBRARY STAFF MEETS—Members of the staff of the Vigo County Public Library met in regular seminar session Friday. Those participating on one of the panels included (left to right) Justin Clements, development director, Gibault School; Dr. Barbara Weinbaum, Katherine Hamilton Mental Health Center; Larry Lidster, president, Terre Haute Area Chamber of Commerce; and Robert W. Ahrens, chairman, social studies department, Terre Haute South Vigo High School.

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**Library branch
receives flag**
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In conjunction with Wednesday's Flag Day celebration, a special presentation of American and Indiana flags was made to the the Vigo County Public Library West Terre Haute branch, 626 National Ave.

The American Flag was presented to library board president Arch Dunbar by Earl Rodgers, architect of the new library being constructed. The state flag was supplied by State Representative William Roach.

David Johnston, assistant vice president of the Terre Haute First National Bank, West Terre Haute, and library board treasurer, also participated in the ceremony.

Ed Howard, VCFL director, said the flags will wave continuously at the library branch due to installation of a dusk to dawn light near the flag pole.

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Rensch presents library book on Anuszkiewicz

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A definitive work on artist Richard Anuszkiewicz, titled "Anuszkiewicz," was presented to the Vigo County Public Library recently by staff member Gloria Rensch. The gift, which contains 202 illustrations, including 64 in full color, is particularly timely since works by the artist and his father, Adam, are on special exhibition at Sheldon Swope Art Gallery through June 25.

Karl Lunde's "Anuszkiewicz" is one of many art or art-related books in Rensch's personal collection which come to her free as book reviewer for the national trade publication Library Journal. She was presented other such works to VCPL on subjects relating to Greek vase painting, the Spanish artist Solana, and France's Millet as well as two highly specialized volumes to the Swope Art Library.

Rensch, a VCPL cataloguer, began reviewing books two years ago when she responded to a Library Journal notice stating: "If you have academic qualifications in art or architecture and are interested in writing concise, critical reviews in these areas, please contact ... Art Books Review Editor." She responded, stating her degrees — MA in Latin, MA in Art History, and MA in Library Science — and in which areas she felt qualified. Within weeks, she received not only a

positive reply but her first review book plus instructions and special paper upon which to type the piece.

Her first review appeared in the March, 1977, edition of Library Journal and 14 additional pieces on modern art, 20th century architecture, Greek and Roman archaeology, et al, have been published since then.

Rensch says she needs at least two weeks to research the book and author using materials from reference bibliography books as well as reviews of other works the author has written.

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**Library appoints
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media supervisor**
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A former news and feature writer for the Indiana State University department of news services, Jayne Lloyd, has been named media relations supervisor at the Vigo County Public Library, according to library director Ed Howard.

Lloyd will be primarily responsible for maintaining close relationships with the local print and broadcast media. Her duties will include issuing news releases to the media, arranging photography assignments and news conferences for special events and planning special purpose publicity programs.

She will also serve as a VCPL representative for various community activities as well as assisting both staff and community group representatives in designing and producing bulletins, news releases, printed programs and displays.

Other responsibilities include editing the library bulletin and supervising the production of library directories, forms and special publications.

A native of Terre Haute, Lloyd graduated from ISU with a B.S. degree in speech and English and an M.S. degree in theater. She worked as a copywriter for WTHI Radio and KWBB Radio in Kansas prior to joining the ISU staff in 1970. She later worked in various aspects of advertising with the former McCarty Advertising Agency.

An avid traveler, Lloyd has made several long- and shortterm trips abroad including a 13-month stay in Italy where she served as a tutor for families in Milan, Florence and Castel di San Lorenzo. She studied language and art at the University of Florence.

Her most recent venture included three months of travel and study in Spain and Italy as well as a five-week residency at the L'Abri Fellowship in Huemoz, Switzerland where she studied Christian and secular philosophies.

Her professional memberships include the Wabash Valley Press Club and the Indiana and American Library associations.

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statistics for year

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Area residents borrowed a record number of books, films, records, art prints, tapes and other materials from the Vigo County Public Library this past year while library services advanced in other ways as well.

The number of lending transactions was 629,324, according to the 1978 edition of "Facts About the Vigo County Public Library" which reports also that more than 9,000 audio-visual materials alone reached a total audience estimated at 332,000.

Meanwhile, the VCPL reference service answered 84,000 requests for information while maintaining files on community affairs, provided books by mail for homebound clients and made available the services of a part time genealogist to assist people tracing their roots.

The current edition of the library facts publication outlines services and materials available to the community and the 33,000 registered clients among city and county residents.

There is the main library, presently located in the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library building, which will move to the new building currently under construction on the west side of South Seventh Street between Walnut and Poplar streets, the former site of Wiley High School.

And there are four branch libraries at the Plaza North, Meadows and Southland shopping centers and in West Terre

Haute. In addition there is the mediamobile and collections are maintained at Dreiser Square, the Hyte Community Center and more than two dozen other locations throughout the county, including the County Jail.

The Vigo County library is a member of the Indiana Teletype network and the computerized Indiana Information Retrieval System and through those organizations serves a six-county trading area in the Wabash Valley while participating also in the Indiana Library Cooperative Services Authority with a reciprocal borrowing policy among registered clients of the public libraries in Brazil, Clinton, Sullivan, Vincennes and Worthington in Indiana and Marshall and Paris in Illinois.

Materials available for use in the library, many of which may also be borrowed for varying periods of time, include motion picture films, disc and tape recordings, slides, art prints and special publications, both local and regional, in addition to books, pamphlets and national and international magazines and a limited number of film and slide projectors.

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Library Officials Use Estimates For

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By ELIZABETH CIANCONE

Star Staff Writer

All tax-supported agencies in Indiana are in the throes of budgets for 1979 operation. The Vigo County Public Library is no exception. Moreover, it is operating with even more unknowns and estimates than usual because of the anticipated move into the new building.

"Fixed" expenses, especially insurance and utility costs, have been relatively constant over the many years in the Emeline Fairbanks Building. Or, at least, they could be easily estimated when new rate increases raised total costs — simply add the percentage of increase to the average use figures and derive a new "fixed" figure.

THIRD IN A SERIES

This year, said Mrs. Betty Martin, assistant director of the VCPL, services will be transferred into a new, larger building with no past-use figures to work from. Public Service Indiana had previously estimated that electric utility costs at the new library (not including branch libraries) would run about \$60,000 per year. If the rate increase they have requested is granted, it will add \$12,000 per year to this estimate. And, Mrs. Martin said, "We must assume that the rate increase will be granted and provide for it in our budget."

But if electric utility rates are still an unknown in all budgets, the library has special problems in many areas because of the new building. It will surely mean higher costs, Martin indicated, but even educated guesses are hard to come by. The library budget committee anticipates increased water bills as they move into a building with more rest rooms and utility sinks, but no one knows or is willing to guess just how much more water will be required. And, the water bills will influence the sewage bills.

Other increases are anticipated in personnel and materials costs — the two areas Martin calls the "lifeblood of the library". Library employees are not represented by any bargaining group, but all personnel belong to the Staff Association which appoints a salary committee. This committee studies and proposes changes to the Association in an annual report in May, and this — if adopted by the total membership — forms the basis of the wage request.

This year they are requesting the budget include some sort of life insurance for staff members, and have also requested a seven percent cost-of-living increase or, alternatively, a \$600 across-the-board increase.

Mrs. Martin pointed out actual personnel needs cannot be determined for the new building until the move is accomplished, but some increase in staffing may be anticipated — especially if the library seeks to maintain a limited Sunday schedule.

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For 1978, the library tax rate was 38 cents per \$100 for the general operating fund and 12 cents per \$100 for the bond and interest-redemption fund; a total of 50 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. It is a figure almost certain to rise to meet the community's library needs. The Indiana General Assembly has authorized permission for a five percent increase for 1978 and an eight percent increase for 1979, but none for 1980, although probably new authorization will be forthcoming.

Interestingly, the VCPL is 100 percent supported by local funds — unlike other tax support services such as city, county or schools. There are no federal funds received locally, Martin pointed out, but she added that libraries in Indiana are now legally eligible to receive revenue-sharing funds. None have been sought by the VCPL.

For the past year or two Vigo County has received approximately \$22,000 each year in state funds through the Indiana State Library budget allocation. The sum is Vigo County's share, based on population, of funds appropriated and approved for community libraries. Because it is not a sum which may be counted on, but must be reappropriated and approved with each legislative assembly, the sum is not a part of anticipated revenue in the library budget.

In the past, the state money has been accounted for as an "additional appropriation" and has been used for capital improvements such as the remodeling and renovation of the West Terre Haute Branch Library. The funds are discretionary,

however, and the board may spend them in any way it sees fit, following legal procedure.

Because it receives no outside money, the library submits to no outside control, although Mrs. Martin pointed out the staff makes every effort to meet federal guidelines and standards in any area which might touch the library at any time in the future. For example, although local and state governmental agencies are expressly exempt from paying federal minimum wage, the library attempts to do so for all hourly employees, "to remain competitive on the market," Mrs. Martin said.

The library board got its first look at the 1979 budget Monday beginning the 1979 budget countdown. Their own time table calls for the first publication of the new rate on Aug. 3, the second publication on Aug. 10, and the public hearing in connection with the regularly scheduled board meeting August 21. The board stamped approval on the budget, totaling \$1,283,469 for 1979. It includes a 6.5 salary increase for all employees. It also includes a new insurance policy.

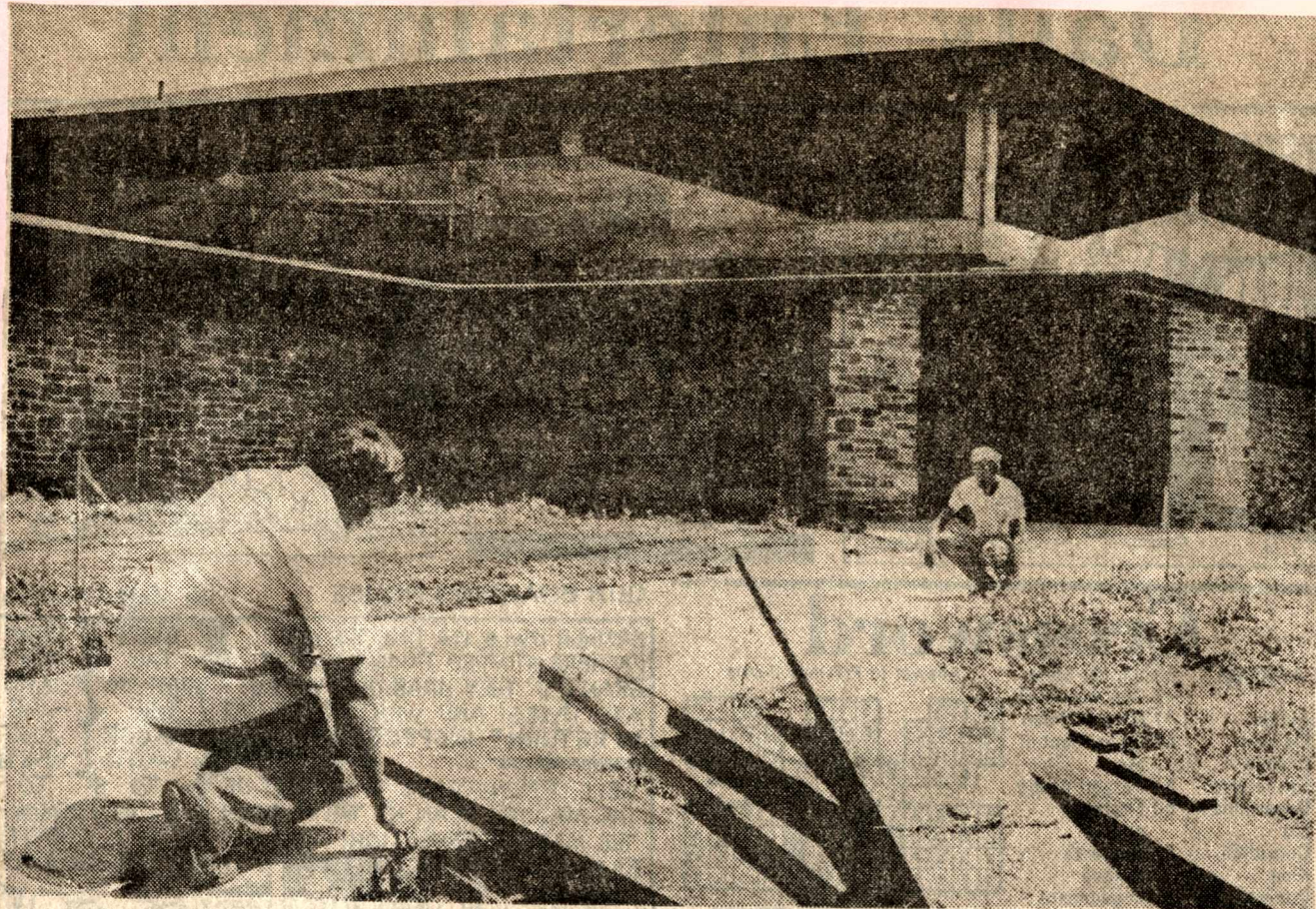
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New main library at Seventh and Walnut Streets is scheduled for fall opening

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Displays attract attention

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Library shows carved decoy, third graders' quilt

By CINDY L. BAUM
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Two displays featured at the Vigo County Public Library include a 20½ and 13 inch brown and grey "Canada Goose" decoy hand-carved by Robert De France, and a hand-painted quilt, made by Fuqua Elementary School third graders.

De France, media specialist at Indiana State University Laboratory School, has carved wooden duck and goose decoys for three years, inspired by Norman Fisher, Terre Haute.

De France's first experience in national competition was at the Greater Mississippi Valley State Fair International Decoy Competition at Davenport, Iowa where he won two first places in the novice competition. De France admits, however, he has a long way to go before he can compete with the best.

His "Canada Goose" is to be entered in the Indiana State Fair in the woodcarving category.

"I hope to get more exposure and have hopes of sell-

ing," said De France of entering the decoy "Indianapolis has a bigger market."

Although De France has already sold five decoys to a local bank, he hopes a better reputation can enable him to sell more of his work.

De France said he did not intend to make the decoys for profit, but "it's kind of flattering to be able to sell them." He hopes to sell the "Canada Goose" for about \$900 at the state fair.

While the amount may sound like a lot, it only adds up to about \$3 an hour. "In a conservative estimate, it took 300 hours to compete," he said.

More goes into carving a decoy than what the finished project shows. The eyes have to be put in just so to look natural. Many of the carved feathers on the bird are made

separately and attached to the body. Much time is spent smoothing the wood and making the shape look completely natural. Painting the decoy has to be done in colors mixed to look like the real thing.

"The most tedious job is carving the feathers," said De France. "The most difficult is getting the head at a natural shape."

"The materials are least significant," said De France, pointing out that materials may only cost about \$10. "The time spent is important."

De France suggests the book, "Game Bird Carving" by Bruce Burk to anyone interested in the art or wishing to try it. The display is in a glass case on the library's main floor.

Another art display is found in the basement of the library in the Young People's Room.

A quilt, hand-painted by third graders at Fuqua Elementary School with the help of their librarian, Judy Sommers, features thirty frames depicting characters from the Randolph Caldecott award-winning picture books for children.

Caldecott was a nineteenth century illustrator of children's books. In honor of his work, Caldecott medals are awarded to the best illustrated children's books.

The quilt is scheduled for display at the Indiana Governor's Conference of Libraries and Information Services, Aug. 11-13 at the Atkinson Hotel in Indianapolis.

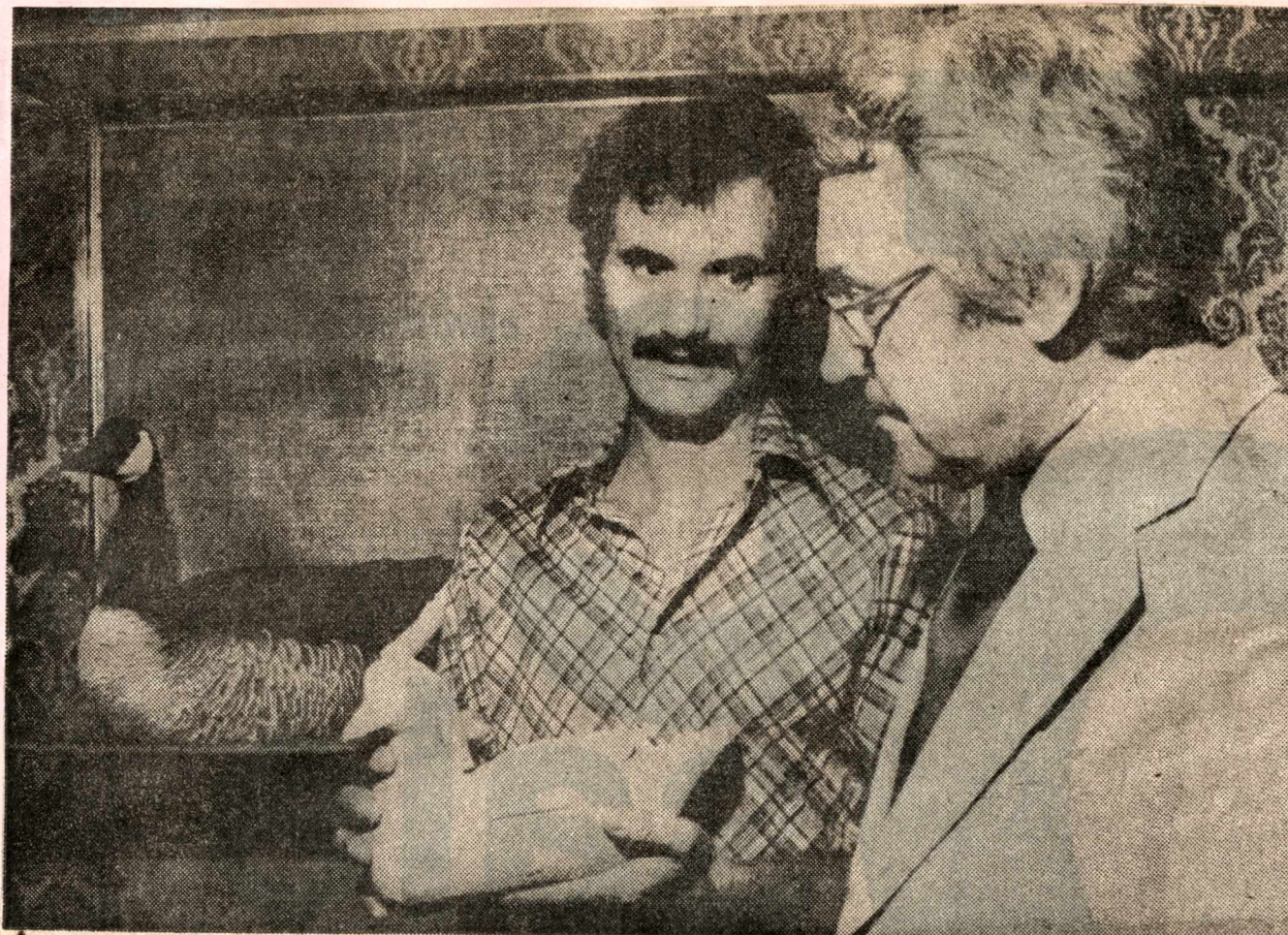
Alice Wert of the library and chairman of the conference, is responsible for arrangements for exhibiting the quilt at the conference.

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Taking a gander

Robert DeFrance shows one of his duck wood carvings to library official Ed Howard.

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Explains their cover

Library aide Gene Alice Wert looks at Fuqua Elementary third graders' quilt display at the local library's main

branch. The youngsters, from left, are: Susan Smith, 8; Paul Haag, 9; and Melissa Hunt, 9.

Librarian Studies European Facilities With U.S. Group

By ELIZABETH CIANCONE
Star Staff Writer

Ann Newman, audio-visual librarian for the Vigo County Public Library, had an unusual opportunity to spend three weeks combining professional and recreational interests in Europe this past July.

Ann was one of two Midwesterners invited to participate in a People to People delegation formed to visit and study library, educational, technology and audiovisual facilities in England, Germany, France and the Netherlands.

What she learned on her travels was that the United States is almost unique in offering audio-visual services to the public through libraries. Only in France did she find evidence of a move toward AV placement in public libraries, and this is still in what Ann calls the "planning-to-study-it stage." And, she added, "Public libraries does not mean free libraries!"

What other countries are doing, is of considerable interest to Ann, who enjoyed visiting the British Film Institute and the Media Resources Centre, Library and Information Services of the Inner London Education Authority. This was a first exposure to film-handling techniques in Europe, and even though it was not directly applicable to her own work at the VCPL, Ann found much of interest.

After five days in London, the tour departed for Cologne (one day) and Munich (four days). Among the tour attractions at Cologne was a visit to a small branch library in a poorer section of the city where the one bit of "automation" consisted of a teletypewriter as a circulation control.

Ann especially remarked on the high cost of everything from hotel to food in Germany. She noted, for instance that coffee (not included with dinner) was \$1.55 per cup and tea (no tea bag, just a cup of tea) cost \$2.55. Some small comfort to Americans who think the cost of coffee is high. Under the circumstances, Germans don't take a "coffee break." Theirs is a "beer excuse." And cheaper!

In Munich, visits to a TV station and to the Bavarian State Library were scheduled, but time was allowed for visits to museums and, for Ann, a short trip out of the city to visit Dachau.

Although France offered some professional promise for an audio-visual librarian, Ann failed to be impressed by the

hotel—"rooms were small, shabby and not very clean"—or the people—"our waiter charged us for ten drinks when he served only nine—then pretended not to understand English."

The Paris visits were somewhat curtailed because the arrival of the ten-member tour group coincided with the celebration of Bastille Day. "No Frenchman can be induced to work on this holiday," Ann observed, "and as it fell on Friday, it was celebrated the entire weekend."

Sightseeing was possible, however, along with some opportunity to sample the legendary French cuisine at a few of the more celebrated restaurants. The actual professional visits were crowded into a single day.

Amsterdam was the final stop of the tour and included a visit to to NOS—Netherlands Broadcasting System—where the party watched the filming of a program. One interesting sidelight Ann noted was every Dutch citizen who owns a television set is legally obligated to pay an annual fee which helps to defray the cost of broadcasting. Also visited was the Netherlands Institute of AV Media, the primary source of teacher training for primary and secondary educators operated much like our "instructional materials centers." However, it loans only films to teachers—other AV materials must be purchased. The Netherlands also devotes a portion of the national financial windfall from the North Sea oil find to fund the arts—including audio-visual arts.

For Ann it was not only an interesting and pleasant working vacation, it was also an honor to be included. Only ten individuals were included in the tour and Ann was one of two Midwesterners. She was unable to pick up many service pointers for her own department, but she picked up many valuable professional contacts for the Vigo County Public Library.

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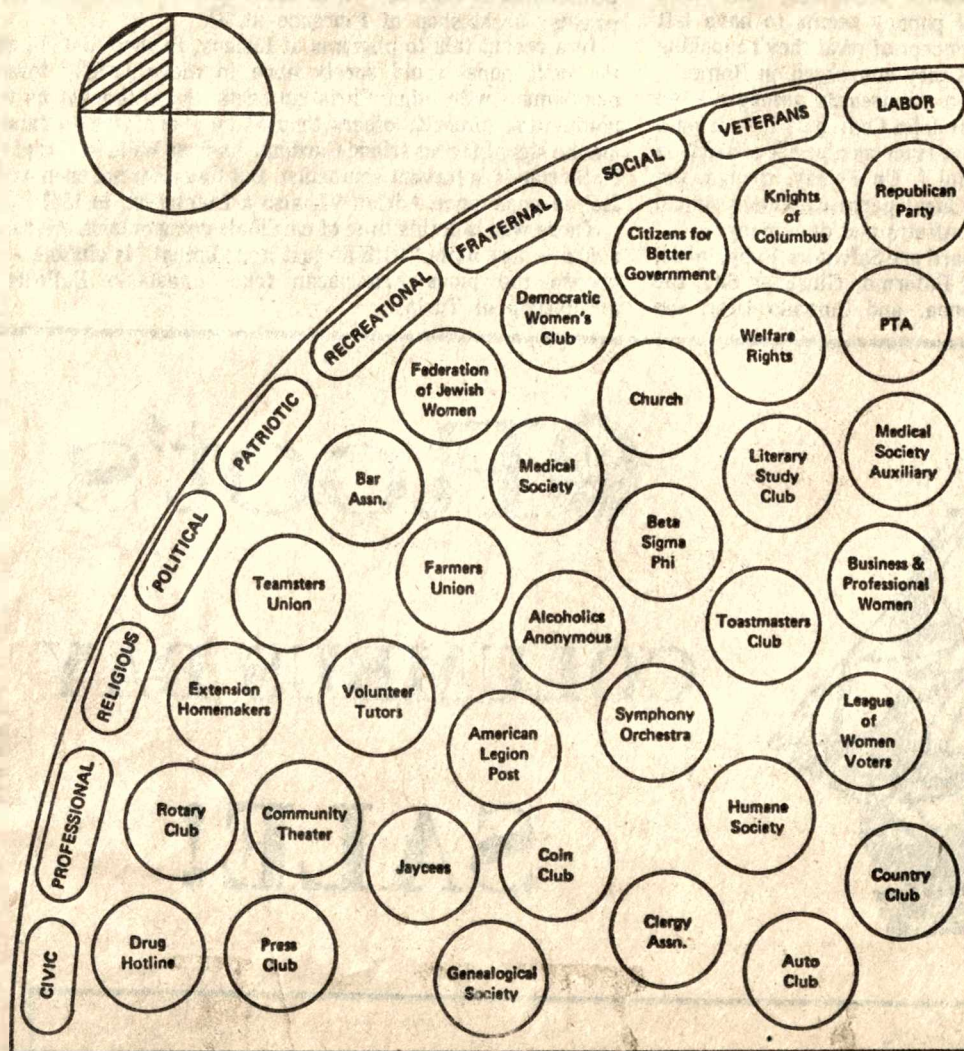
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How Howard prepared to write the book on power — and why

VOLUNTARY SECTOR

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One sector in the 'Community of Organizations'

(See story on Page One.)

In his preface to "Local Power and the Community Library," Ed Howard reports, "This book comes primarily from my experiences during the 10 years that I have been director of the Vigo County Public Library system. The models, the principles, the techniques—all are derived from the day-to-day efforts of a loyal staff that has been willing to take risks, and from the cooperation of a supportive community that has applauded our successes and been tolerant of our failures."

"My interest in communities and the processes by which community decisions are made," he continues, "was ignited by Dr. Robert W. Hattery, a political scientist who was my superior for the two years that I was assistant director of the Bureau of Public Discussion at Indiana University. As head of the bureau's public affairs information section, I traveled the state, visiting libraries, encouraging librarians to use our unsurpassed collection of non-book print information and to go, armed with this information, into the public arena."

Howard reports that project was discouraging. There was reluctance on the part of most librarians "...to leave the safety of the library to venture into the community where, seemingly, unknown dangers lurked. Dr. Hattery once put it to me this way, 'You librarians have some big guns, but you use

awfully soggy ammunition.' I resolved, when given the opportunity, to find out what guns we librarians had and to keep the powder dry. 'Local Power and the Community Library' reports what I have learned...."

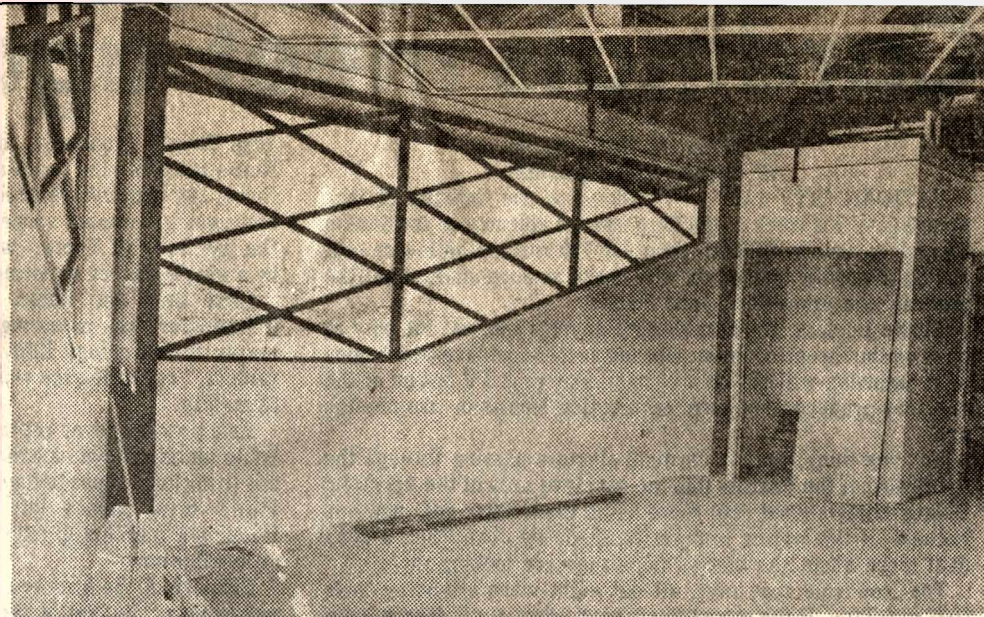
Howard says the work "...really started getting on paper in 1973 and was intended to be a chapter or two in a book on library administration." That didn't develop. "so, I decided to pull it and publish it independently.

"It expresses my primary interest—and that is the best use of resources in a community. So, this, then, requires that you know where the sources are; who manages them; what generally agreed upon goals and priorities there are; and of course, perhaps most important of all, communication between resource bases and with the public."

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The vista is the community from a library window

Amplifying that line of thought, he says, "People working together can accomplish so much that is good — if they know each other, trust each other and communicate with each other."

"Because of people-problems, exploding technologies, mobility, (and other reasons) we have lost the feeling of community. The feeling that 'This is my town.' I guess I wanted to give the word, community, a lift."

And, because he has traveled worldwide (as a career Navy man prior to his current assignment); and because he spent about four years in a prisoner of war installation in Japan, "...words like community, home, mother, freedom, friends—these are important to me. They have great meaning."

The book itself appears to have considerable meaning as well. One comment received by Howard after publication suggested that what the writing "The Prince" did for early political scientists may have been done for the rest of us in "Local Power and the Community Library" — and better.



Electrical work progresses in new library



Resident authors book

Edward N. Howard, director of the Vigo County Public Library, has written a text which can be used by civic leaders. Entitled "Local Power and the Community Library" the book deals with the structure and uses of power for good in society. The author holds a copy of his work at the site of the new library building under construction. (See additional information on Page A10.)

House of Photography

Community Affairs File - Libraries (T.H.) Book on power structures written by VCPL's Howard

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By JACK A. HUGHES
Tribune-Star City Editor

A new text for civic leaders — and others interested in the uses of society's raw power — is on the scene.

Published nationally from Chicago by the American Library Association, the informative work is that of Terre Hautean Edward N. Howard, director of the Vigo County Public Library system for the past 10 years, with the acknowledged assistance of the VCPL staff. (It is noted that Howard "derives no money from the publication; any royalties earned go to the Public Library Association of the ALA.")

Ranging from philosophical commentary and clinically researched analyses — with charts, statistics and footnotes — to candid observations on practical politics, Howard's "Local Power and the Community Library" employs language from almost all walks of life.

It opens with an almost pedantic definition of the word, community, i.e.: "A community is a social group of any size whose members reside within a geographic area and have one or more common ties."

But, the reader is soon treated with phrases and quotation from other than academic sources. For instance, one of the basic truths dealt with in the book is contained in a quote from a popular (now virtually a classic) musical play. Howard writes, "In 'The Music Man,'

Professor Hill advised his fellow salesmen lyrically, 'You gotta know the territory.' "

The author then begins to outline, graphically, the territory of his subject matter, offering some original observations and quoting other candid sources when it suits his purpose. One such suited quote suggests, "Boards of directors are hard to study. Often they conduct their business in secret...."

Another quotation coming from Howard's research observes, "If downtown is going to revitalize itself, downtowners must develop knowledge and skill in the mobilization and uses of power! On a 'do good' basis alone, or on the mere hope that people will support the 'right thing' for downtown, darned little action will result. ."

The book contains more than quotes — much more. Original thought over a period of many years, including four years in a Japanese prisoner of war camp during World War II when he had much time to think, make up the bone and muscle of the work, fleshed out with supporting documentation and data.

The physical size of the book is not much—56 pages. But its content and potential for application may be something else. It's generally agreed that wealth is power. And where is there more wealth of information than at the library?

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Policy Explained For Using New Library Rooms

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By ELIZABETH CIANCONE
Star Staff Writer

The move to the new Vigo County Public Library building is still some three months in the future, but already requests are being received from organizations who would like to use the meeting rooms, according to Ed Howard, VCPL director. On his recommendation, members of the VCPL board adopted a policy concerning use of the rooms at the regular monthly meeting Monday.

Of special concern to the board was the need to keep some time available each day for groups which do not meet on a regular schedule. Board member Rosemary Duwelius noted that it would be easy to book the rooms completely with regularly scheduled meetings, so that special groups could not be accommodated.

The policy endorsed by the board contains the following conditions:

—Rooms are normally available for use only during the hours the library is open, although the meeting may begin or end beyond opening or closing time if custodial service is available to open or close the meeting room area.

—Reservations for use of one or more of the rooms must be made by an adult having a valid VCPL borrower's card. Groups of minors (under age 18) must have adult chaperones and supervision must be provided for young children.

—Rooms are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis and normally will be assigned no more than one year in advance.

—No charge will be made for use of the meeting rooms, but they may not be used for profit-making purposes and no admittance fees may be charged for events taking place within the rooms.

—Confirmed reservations for use of the rooms must be made in advance with the Group Services Office of the library. Reservations may be made by phone, but must be confirmed in person and the "Meeting Room Use Request Form" must be completed and signed before using the room.

—Users are responsible for arranging the tables and chairs and for leaving the rooms and kitchenette neat and orderly. Additional tables, chairs or specialized equipment is available by request.

—No alcoholic beverages may be dispensed or consumed in the meeting rooms.

Howard said that the new building, located at One Library Square, will have a complex of three rooms which may be used separately or opened up into one large room. The three smaller rooms can accommodate groups up to 55 persons, and the large room will accommodate as many as 165 persons. In addition, there is a smaller room which will accommodate approximately 25 persons.

All meeting rooms are located on the lower level with access both by stairway or elevator from the main level.

For the convenience of those using the meeting rooms, there is a kitchenette for serving refreshments located near the meeting complex. It is equipped with counter, sink, electrical outlets, hot plate, tea kettle, refrigerator and serving cart, Howard pointed out. But, for groups not interested in serving refreshments, soft drink and snack vending machines are also to be located nearby.

It is assumed that the limitation of no more than 12 months in advance will serve to control the problem anticipated by Mrs. Duwelius, but Howard emphasized that the Group Services Office would also be in a position to control over-booking.

Interested groups or individuals scheduling special meetings may contact the Group Services Office at the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library to further investigate reservation possibilities.

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How do you move a library?

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Lib. Publications*

Why on earth would anyone want to build a new library, when the present building is in fairly good shape? According to Betty Martin of the Vigo County Library, lack of space has been the overriding reason for the new building. The increased population of Vigo County over the years has increased the materials needed to serve the community.

The Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library opened its doors on July 24, 1906 at the present site, 222 N. 7th. Crawford Fairbanks donated the money for the library in honor of his mother, Emeline. At that time, it was considered to be a very modern, progressive facility. It was a long awaited dream for the library staff, who desperately wanted better facilities. Thought to future expansion of the library's collection was included in those plans, and expand it has.

In statistics provided by the Vigo County Library, 629,324 items were borrowed in 1977, the highest ever for Vigo County. Also during 1977, References Services answered over 84,000 questions and searches for the public, and Audiovisual Services loaned out over 9,000 motion picture film and videotape cassettes. With a population of approximately 114,425, this constitutes a very motivated community.

The upcoming move is scheduled for the first of January, with professional movers doing the job. Books won't be packed in the conventional way, but will be put on wheeled book trucks. These trucks will be loaded under the supervision of a library staff person, and will be placed in their original order. The movers will meet another staff person at the new library, and they will unload the books onto the new shelves. This will eliminate unnecessary reorganization of books, as the shelves will already be set up, awaiting the books.

In addition to new shelving, new furnishings have been ordered. They are being custom-made to fit in with the library's work plans. But furnishings at the old building will not necessarily be discarded. Those that remain in good condition will be moved to the new library, and then refinished on the spot.

Each employee will pack his/her desk area. This will help weed out old and unnecessary material before moving, and will reorganize each area. Articles of historical significance may be uncovered at this time, and each will be noted and filed for future use.

During the moving period, there will be a two week disruption of some library services. The library staff will have some extra time on their hands, which Ed Howard, director of the Vigo County Library, has made plans for. During this two-week period, workshops will be held to update departmental procedures and to familiarize

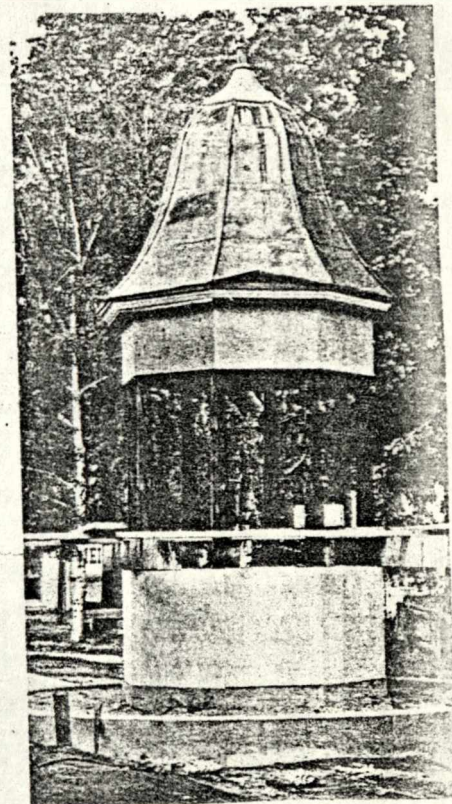
the staff with its new facilities and responsibilities.

After completion of the move, a week-long Grand Opening is planned. Tours for the public, with different features to be highlighted each day, will familiarize library borrowers with the new surroundings and new equipment.

The new library is designed to be warm and inviting. The three levels have a combined area of 69,500 square feet. 160,000 volumes will be in the shelving units. The parking area have been planned for 116 cars and 2 buses. Three meeting rooms for the public are also available. Each seats 55, but the three rooms can be combined to one large area for 165 people. A smaller room will seat up to 25. A film preview room seats 25 people.

There are more than "just" books at the Vigo County Library. Prints of pictures, games, magazines, maps and charts, 8 MM and 16MM films, newspapers, records, slides and videotapes. If you need information in any particular area for school, work or a hobby, these resources are at your fingertips, and an experienced staff is at your disposal. Even projectors to show the films may be checked out. All it takes is a library card, which any Vigo County resident can apply for. From there, you're on your way to education, relaxation and information!

—Dusty Branch



TOP: The Wiley High School Cupola takes its place of honor in front of the new library.

BOTTOM: Robert Lamb (r) of ISU library explains moving procedures to Clarence Brink, head of collections at VCPL.

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Books by Mail available at the VC Library

The Vigo County Public Library provides a books by mail service to persons who are homebound through illness or physical impairment, according to Clarence Brink, reference coordinator on the VCPL staff.

He said that for the most part this service has been used by persons needing "easy eye" or "large print" books, but emphasized that it is not limited to persons with eye disabilities.

Books are mailed and returned to the Library in a special mailing sack with a reversible label. Postage is provided and the service is free of charge.

Persons interested in receiving books-by-mail may call the Main

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Carolyn Henson, a Vigo County Public Library board member, has been elected vice president of, the Indiana Library Trustee Association.

Mrs. Henson was selected during an annual joint conference of the ILTA and the Indiana Library Association at Indianapolis.

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Kids Participate in National Book Week

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IT'S NATIONAL BOOK WEEK — Preschoolers attending the regular Vigo County Public Library story hours are helping the library celebrate National Children's Book Week November 13-18. Each branch and the Medi-mobile has a display featuring books especially for children. All young visitors to the library this week will receive a special bookmark with this year's book week slogan, "Light Up Your Life — Read."

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A HAPPY ENDING — After story time at Meadows Branch, these three- and four-year olds enjoyed selecting favorite stories to take home with them for the week. Charlene Pierard is story time leader and librarian at Meadows.

Terre Haute, Tribune-Star, November 12, 1978.



SPECIAL GUESTS — Youngsters at West Branch enjoyed a special treat recently when a family of rabbits paid them a visit. Jean May leads the West story hours and Sarah Beckley is head librarian.

Library trustees table decision on policy

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The Vigo County Public Library Board of Trustees approved a resolution on 1978 budget line item reductions, but elected to table consideration of three policies during its Monday meeting at Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library.

The seven-member board also discussed and approved advertisement for bids and consideration of specifications for moving materials, equipment

and supplies from the old library building located on Seventh and Walnut streets.

In another matter, Howard told the board parking meters along Walnut Street from Seventh to Sixth streets, adjacent to the new building, had been taken out at no cost to the city.

However, final Terre Haute City Council action on the matter is yet to come. Terre Haute Mayor William J. Brighton has indicated he may veto the measure. It is not known what effect that move would have on the overall library parking situation.

In addition, Assistant City Attorney William

Teeguarden has reported the 10 calendar days in which Brighton has to sign the ordinance have already passed meaning the ordinance has already died for lack of the mayor's signature.

In his report, Director Howard informed the board the line items in the Library Operating Fund would be reduced by \$65,350 for the remainder of the 1978 budget year.

Howard explained existing appropriations now have unobligated balances which will not be needed for the purposes for which appropriated.

According to Howard, the State Board of Accounts, informed him a

reduction of near the \$65,000 figure would be necessary in order to comply with the current budget figures.

"This reduction will not affect appropriations for the 1979 year," he said. That means the library again may apply for additional funding for the following budget year.

The reductions came from one section of the budget, salaries, assistants, a cut of \$35,000; lines 22 (utilities) \$20,000 and line 24 (repairs) \$2,000; line 51 (insurance) \$3,000 and line 55 (employees contribution) \$5,390.

Discussion on three policies was tabled, after

a motion by Secretary George E. Dunkin, in order to research the considerations. The board decided to table the new business until Dec. 18, when another regular meeting is scheduled.

"I think we should study them thoroughly before acting. There are a lot of stipulations and complex wording that needs investigating," Dunkin said.

Of the three policies, two pertain to confidentiality of employee records and library users' records.

Betty C. Martin, assistant library director, offered a basic explanation of the three policies. "Employee records will remain unavailable to any federal, state or local government unless subpoenaed by the government and no personal information, other than director information shall be disclosed, only by consent of the employee," she said.

She added transactions between the library and its borrowers would not

be available for public records. "Only members of the library staff would have access to those files, and at that just for the purpose of overdue materials," she said.

The third policy, lending materials and equipment, was self explanatory, according to Howard.

Approval of bids for moving library materials was unanimous.

According to Howard, bids will be received at Emeline Fairbanks Memorial (the main branch of the library located downtown, 222 N. Seventh St.) where they will be opened and read aloud for all to hear at a public meeting.

All bidders are entitled to attend this meeting scheduled for sometime in the month of December, according to Howard.

Specifications for the work are on file at VCPL offices, Howard also pointed out.

The board, acting on old business, approved change orders

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Children's Book Week

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National Children's Book Week is being observed by the Vigo County Public Library system Nov. 13 through 19 with displays and book-marks for youngsters visiting the branches, main library and medi-amobile.

According to Barbara Baker, VCPL young people's

librarian, the annual celebration is sponsored by the Children's Book Council and is designed to promote greater interest in and use of children's books.

VCPL's book week activities are part of the regular story hours and include special programs in some of the branches, said Baker. Each library also has children's book and material displays as well as posters and gift bookmarks depicting the slogan "Light Up Your Life — Read!"

National Children's Book Week was established in 1919 via a resolution passed at an American Booksellers Association Convention. Driving force behind the resolution, however, dates back to 1912 when an ABA member publicly expressed his concern about poor quality books for children. That concern was taken to citizens throughout the country by a librarian for the Boy Scouts of America and resulted in formation of a Good Book Week project in 1916, and the subsequent ABA proclamation for a book week to be held in November in the nation's schools and libraries.

Since 1945, the project has been sponsored by the Children's Book Week Council which works with children's book editors and designers to decide upon a national slogan and poster.

VCPL has taken part in some form of book activities since 1907. The initial observance focused primarily on displays of new children's books although in 1933, when depression-tight budgets put a cinch on spending, the library display featured school texts, works by school children and pictures from the collection of William Wiley, then superintendent of public instruction in Terre Haute.

Meter ordinance evidently dies for lack of mayor's signature

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An ordinance calling for the removal of 12 parking meters on the south side of Walnut Street, between Seventh and Sixth streets, which passed by a vote of 5-3 at the regular monthly meeting of the Terre Haute City Council Nov. 9, has died for lack of a signature by Mayor William J. Brighton.

The City Clerk's office reported Monday the ordinance had not been returned.

Assistant City Attorney William Teeguarden told The TRIBUNE Tuesday morning he interprets the council rules which state the mayor has 10 days to either sign or veto an ordinance to mean 10 calendar days, not 10 "working days."

With that interpretation, Teeguarden said, the ordinance died for lack of a signature on Monday morning.

Brighton has indicated that, pend-

ing a traffic study on the area near the new Vigo County Public Library, he would veto the measure.

During the regular council meeting on Nov. 9, the mayor said he wanted a traffic study conducted by the city engineer's office to determine whether the removal of 12 parking meters was needed. He suggested two or three meters be removed, not 12.

Officials from the VCPL said they were requesting the meters be removed to alleviate a traffic hazard at the entrance to the library parking lot. They contended the motorist's view would be obstructed if parking was permitted on the south side of Walnut Street.

VCPL Director Ed Howard Tuesday confirmed the fact the 12 meters and posts have been removed.

Howard said city officials removed the meter-heads prior to the council vote in order to accommodate workmen at the site of the new library. The posts, Howard said, were removed a few days after the council vote in order to complete curb work.

To override the ordinance, council members must muster a two-thirds majority or six votes at the next council meeting, to be conducted

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Mayor backs alternate plan to resolve library traffic hazard

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A City Engineer's study of a traffic problem created by an obstructed view due to parking spaces near the new Vigo County Public Library at Seventh and Walnut streets suggested only three meters be removed, instead of all 12 of the meters as approved by the City Council, according to Mayor William J. Brighton.

Because of the results of that study, Brighton said he did not sign the ordinance.

According to reports, the problem at the library is that the motorist's view is impaired when attempting to leave the library parking lot on the Walnut Street side.

Brighton said he agrees a traffic hazard exists at the library, but believes the removal of the three meters, which involve about 100 feet of parking space, will reduce the hazard.

If the City Council does not override his veto, Brighton said he will advise the Board of Public Works and Safety to remove the three parking meters and also will ask that the street be clearly lined to identify the turn lane into the library.

To override the veto, the council must vote on the ordinance at its next meeting and a two-thirds majority vote is needed to override. The or-

dinance passed earlier this month by a 5-3 vote.

The parking meter posts on the south side of Walnut Street have been removed because of the construction of sidewalks and curbing. If the veto is sustained, then the parking meters must be restored.

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Garden club gift to VCPL

The Honey Creek Garden Club recently gave \$150 to the Vigo County Public Library to add new books on gardening. Clarence Brink, VCPL, received the check from Marcelle Mahnesmith and club members Dorothy Rhynard, Rosemary Moseman, Pat Hughes, Betty Kennedy and Norma Jean Schwindy.

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Librarian (T.H.) VCP

'Roots' booms business

By Sheila Easterling

Ever since Alex Haley's "Roots" came along, the Genealogy Room at the Vigo County Library has been increasingly popular. Along with Haley's book came the curiosity of many Americans to trace their past.

During the past two years, people have been obsessed with their family tree, said Nancy Sherrill, genealogy librarian at the main library.

The genealogy room, or local history room, has information on Terre Haute families dating to the 1800s. It holds files on Terre Haute, the Wabash Valley and Illinois.

Originally the room was called the Indiana Room. Over the years the library has extended its services. Newspaper clippings of festivals and events in Terre Haute and surrounding areas are on file. Recently older clippings which can be viewed on microfilm were added. There are city directories as far back as 1855 and high school yearbooks.

"We get calls for the dates of the first dance marathon held here and lots of mail for little facts about Terre Haute," Sherrill said.

In the new library, now under construction, the Genealogy Room will be called the Special Collections Room. The Vigo Coun-

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ty Historical Society is donating some old books, files and displays to be housed in the genealogy department. The genealogy libraries can also add books and materials to their collection that have been stored away.

"It gets so busy here, sometimes all the tables are full. We even get youngsters who want to find out about their families. One guy came in and found out his family was part of the 1920 counterfeit rings of Terre Haute," Sherrill said.

Mail comes in from as far as California with inquiries such as who was the first postmaster, policeman or mayor.

Also in the Genealogy Room can be found some original maps of Terre Haute and Vigo County. There are authentic letters and public addresses from mayors and officials when Terre Haute was first formed.

Sherrill has been at the main branch since 1972. She began as a clerk, and worked up to a reference librarian. After reference librarian, she earned a job as genealogy librarian. Sherrill said the work is interesting and she meets a lot of people.

Her assistant is Lois Harris who is the Special Collections librarian. Harris assists family tree seekers and is the archivist. She deals more with community affairs and relations.

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Library moving bids to be opened Jan. 3

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By DONITA HADLEY
Tribune Staff Writer

The main move into the new Vigo County Public Library will begin during the early weeks of 1979 — with a public opening for the building possible in March.

Bids for the Phase IV Moving Project were opened Monday evening by the VCPL board. Contracts are to be awarded during a special session on Jan. 3 at 2 p.m.

At the board session, it was noted that 35 workers are at the new library working daily to complete the project. The building is located between Poplar and Walnut streets on South Seventh Street on the former site of the Wiley High School — four blocks from the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library at 222 N. Seventh St.

There is a possibility the staff may be able to occupy the new building by the first of the year in order to prepare the building for its public opening, which is set tentatively for the first of March.

While the staff readies the building, a main library will not be available to residents for possibly three weeks. However, all branch libraries will remain open.

Four companies, including two local firms and two Bloomington companies, submitted bids for the moving project. The companies include Eldred's Van and Storage, 200 N. 11th St., submitting a bid of \$24,000; J.R. Moving and Storage, 1405 N.

Fruitridge Ave., submitting a bid of \$23,675, Library Movers of America (Bloomington) submitting a bid of \$21,745, and Library Relocation Consultants, also of Bloomington, submitting a bid of \$10,790.

After bids are awarded, time will be devoted to outlining and planning the move.

The main moving effort is then expected to take between nine and 14 days. This move could begin in late January or sometime in February.

The board also approved 25 additional telephone outlets in the new facility, bringing the total number of outlets to 97.

In other action, the board approved closing hours of the library during the holidays. The VCPL system is scheduled to be closed Saturday, Dec. 23, and Monday, Dec. 25. During the New Year weekend the system will be closed Saturday, Dec. 30, and Monday, Jan. 1.

The mediamobile scheduled has been prepared for January through May 1979 and two changes were made in the schedule. The mediamobile will no longer stop at Lewis and Carlton Acres because of low returns in this area. Changes in times have been made at Glenn Recreation Center, Prairie Park, Riley and Margaret Avenue Housing. At Riley the location is being changed from the main highway to a residential area.

The next regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the board is to be conducted Jan. 15 at the main library.

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Vigo County Library to keep copies of proposed legislation

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The Vigo County Public Library — already an easily accessible source of important information — will become even more so during the upcoming Indiana General Assembly as copies of bills will be available for public study at the main Emeline Fairbanks Branch.

Ed Howard, Vigo County Public Library director, announced details of the service during a luncheon at Sheraton Inn Thursday.

Also on hand were State Rep.'s Darrell Felling, D-Terre Haute — who was credited with the idea, Lee

Clingan, D-Covington, and State Sen. Elden C. Tipton, D-Jasonville.

Howard said copies of proposed legislation would be placed at the reference services desk.

Also, public meetings conducted by state legislators will be in the large meeting room of the new library when it is finished. Howard said the earliest the new building would be available appears to be February.

During those sessions, the public is invited to discuss issues and proposed legislation with representatives and

senators of the area.

Again Howard said he got the idea from "crackerbarrel sessions" conducted regularly by Felling.

Felling — who said he initiated the sessions upon the suggestion of Dr. Robert D. Seltzer, professor of political science emeritus at Indiana State University — noted the sessions have been helpful to both the public and himself.

Seltzer, also at the luncheon, will act as liaison between the legislators and library officials. He will deliver bills and keep them updated as amendments are added or other changes are made.

Elbert L. Watson, executive director of Indiana Library Association and Indiana Library Trustees Association, attended the session to discuss the 1979 library legislative program.

Watson noted libraries are seeking help from the General Assembly in five main areas, including boosting state aid from \$832,000 to \$1.5 million annually.

Also, the group is seeking a cumulative building fund allowing public libraries to provide start-up funding for new construction.

Watson said the proposals have received support from legislators.

Felling said he will introduce legislation that would provide service to all Indiana counties. Tipton and Clingan also said they support libraries and strongly favored making copies of bills available at the main branch.

Both also said the "crackerbarrel sessions" will be good.

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Eagles Auxiliary awards gift to Vigo County Public Library

From left, Imogene Cruikshank, treasurer of the local Eagles Auxiliary and State Outside Guard; Amelia Lemont, secretary, and Alice L. Wert, coordinator of Technical Services, VCPL, look on as

Julia A. Thiede, INCOLSA TECH, Technical Services, VCPL, receives a check from Patricia Jones, presiding officer of Eagles Auxiliary No.291.

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What Women are Doing Eagles Auxiliary presents cash gift to Vigo Library

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The local Auxiliary 291 of the Fraternal Order of Eagles recently presented a gift of \$100 to the Vigo County Public Library as a gesture of support to the library for its services to the elderly.

This is the fourth year such a presentation will be duplicated across the United States and Canada by Eagles Auxiliaries. Last year many of the libraries receiving these grants bought large print books for use by the elderly.

Auxiliaries receive the library grants from the Eagles Memorial Foundation in appreciation of their cooperation and support of the senior citizen-oriented Golden Eagle Fund which the Foundation administers. Eagles raise money for this fund which makes available grants to charitable organizations working on some project of benefit to the aged.

At the Grand Aerie-Auxiliary convention held in Spokane, Wash., last fall, a display was shown of the library gift presentation news pictures sent in to the Golden Eagle Fund headquarters in Milwaukee, Wis., during the current year.

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Area input reported on library law

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Thoughts of Terre Haute area residents on library legislation are being made known to members of the Indiana General Assembly — and later will reach the White House — according to a report from the Indiana State Library.

The report states, "Prior to the convening of the 1979 Indiana General Assembly, an effort is being made to insure that all members of the legislature receive information on the concerns for Indiana libraries which were expressed at the Indiana Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information Services in Indianapolis this past August."

Among the delegates elected to take those concerns to the national conference is Dr. Richard V. Pierard, professor of history at Indiana State University. Alice Wert, head of technical services at the Vigo County Public Library and Governor's Conference chairperson, is an alternate.

The state library report, released through the Vigo County Public Library, continues, "Resolutions passed during the conference were based on issues discussed at the grassroots hearings held around the state last summer and will be key discussion topics at next year's White House Conference scheduled in Washington, D.C."

Area citizens who served as delegates to the Indiana Governor's Conference included Margaret J. Banker, Jack G. Weinbaum, M.D., Alice O. Kiewig, Darrell E. Felling, Elwood B. Ehrle, Darlene J. Norman, Allane P. Zucker, Elizabeth Weller, Dolly B. Hoover, Don Sherwood Versteeg, David Gilman and Carolyn Henson.

"Major resolutions," the report advises, "are:

"1. Through appropriate legislation, library service shall be made available to all segments of the citizenry of Indiana.

"2. Public and school libraries shall explore ways in which they can develop programs, share resources and facilities, and cooperate in other ways to reduce illiteracy in Indiana

citizens of all ages.

"3. The Conference shows its concern by resolving that in addition to the strengthening of bibliographic (identification and location) access to information resources, there must also be a corresponding strengthening of the delivery of information resources to library users and that specifically, every effort be made on behalf of library users to encourage liberal regulations and procedures for library photocopying.

"4. There is a need for continued funding of the Federal Library Services and Construction Act, and other library-related federal programs, and for continuous reviews of the use of funds at the state level for specified services and projects for public libraries, cooperative projects among libraries, and administrative costs."

18-year library employee retires

Beverly Light, supervisor of checkout services at the Vigo County Public Library, Main Branch, retired Friday following 18 years of service, according to an announcement by Ed Howard, director of the VCPL.

Mrs. Light, a native of Terre Haute, joined the library staff in May 1961, shortly after the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library became a county-wide system. She began her library career as a

checkout clerk — mailing over-due notices. Before her appointment as supervisor in 1969, she has worked in every aspect of checkout services before her appointment as supervisor in 1969.

Active in the Indiana Library Association, Mrs. Light helped found the ILA Library Assistant Technicians Division, serving as chairman of the division in 1972-73 and again in 1977-78.

Her other professional memberships include the VCPL Staff Association — of which she is immediate past president.

She and her husband Albert are the parents of two daughters, Patty Bates, Kokomo, and Jennifer Ransford, Shelburn.

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Mrs. Light Retires From Vigo Library

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Mrs. Beverly Light, supervisor of checkout services at the Vigo County Public Library, Main Branch, retired Friday following 18 years of service. The announcement of her retirement was made by Ed Howard, director of the VCPL.

Mrs. Light, a native of Terre Haute, joined the library staff in May 1961, shortly after the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library became a county-wide system. She began her library career as a checkout clerk — mailing over-due notices. Over the years she has worked in every aspect of checkouts services before her appointment as supervisor in 1969.

Active in the Indiana Library Association, Mrs. Light helped found the ILA Library Assistant Technicians Division, serving as chairman of the division in 1972-73 and again in 1977-78.

Her other professional memberships include the VCPL Staff Association—of which she is immediate past president. She is a member of the Terre Haute Business and Professional Women's Club, Beta Sigma Phi sorority and Trinity Methodist Church.

Mrs. Light is a graduate of Garfield High School. She and her husband Albert, who is retired from Root's Department Store, are the parents of two daughters; Mrs. Patty Bates, Kokomo, and Mrs. Jennifer Ransford, Shelburn.

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Statewide data retrieval system now available

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A statewide information system called INDIRS (Indiana Information Retrieval System) is available for use by all area citizens at the Vigo County Public Library. The computer terminal, which is situated in the library reference area, allows users to obtain social and economic data about the entire state of Indiana including its 92 counties, 14 economic regions, over 200 cities and towns, and the 11 Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas that include Indiana counties.

According to Clarence Brink, VCPL reference coordinator, the system is designed for easy operation and users need not have a background in computer techniques. It functions something like an ordinary typewriter with print-out capabilities, he said, and is hooked up to telephone lines which feed into the computer data bank at the Indiana University School of Business. He added that easy-to-read instructions are available to assist in learning use of the system and reference librarians are trained to help with any special problems.

Among the selected information categories in the INDIRS system are agriculture, business, education, government, health, housing, income, labor force, law and crime, population and transportation. These categories are listed along with numerous sub-headings in the computer manual.

Someone wanting to know how many preschool age children (0-4 years) resided in Vigo County, for example, would search for the subject heading "population" and then, "population by county." Once located, the appropriate call letters—in this case GACALL POPA, VIGO—would be typed into the terminal and within seconds, the following print-out would appear.

The print-out reveals that population counts for Vigo County are available for the years 1960 and 1970 only. In 1960, there were 10,933 four-year olds in the county and that number made up 10.09 per cent of the total population. In 1970, the respective figures were 8,399 and 7.34 per cent. The percentage of change over the ten-year period (noted in the far right-hand column) came to minus 23.18 per cent.

Once the user becomes familiar with the INDIRS system, he can manipulate various pieces of data to set up retrieval and special tables; to add, subtract, multiply and divide, using the values for any data items; and to rank specific types of information.

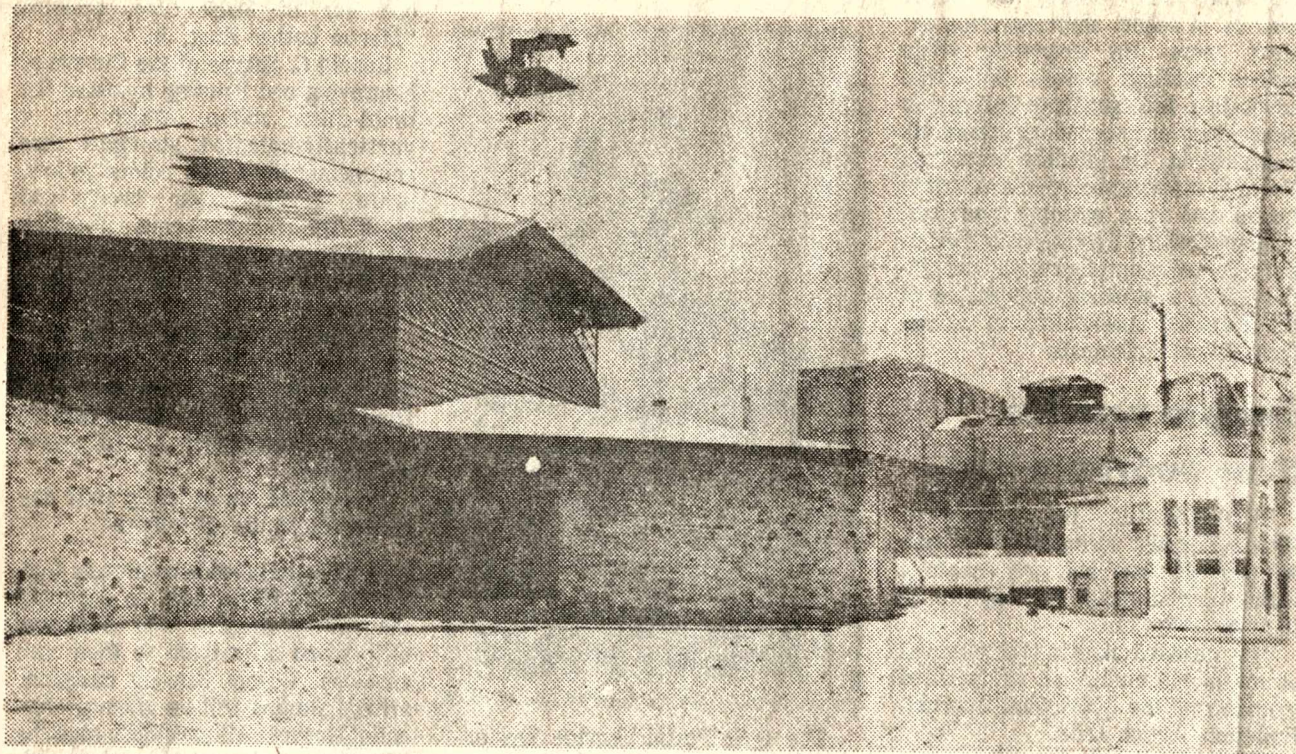
Everyone—area students, businessmen, government agencies, and local organizations as well as the general public—is encouraged to use INDIRS at the main branch library, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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New library main building toured



South view of the new building

This is a south view of the Vigo County Public Library. Most of the land excavation around the building has been completed. Much work still re-

mains on the interior, however. Electricians, carpenters and painters are still working to finish the various jobs on the inside.

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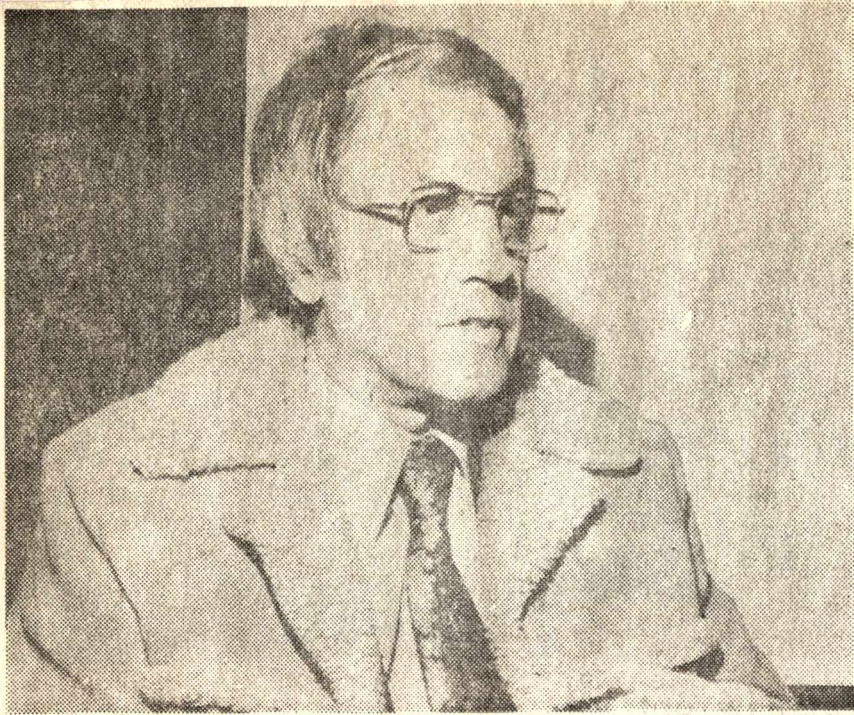
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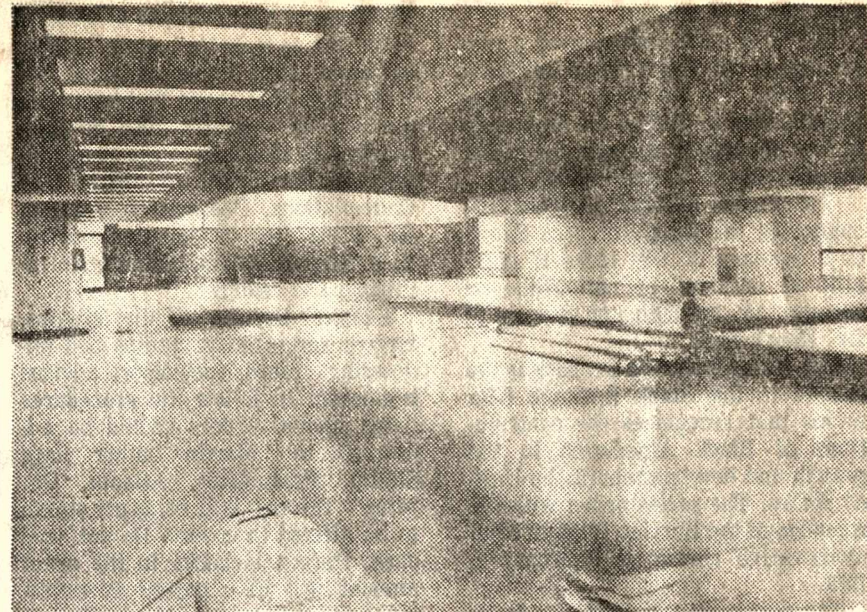
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Director conducts tour

Library director Ed Howard conducted a tour through the library for local news media representatives. During the tour for this group, Howard pointed out that administrative offices and a reception area are located on the library's second level.



South Seventh Street wing

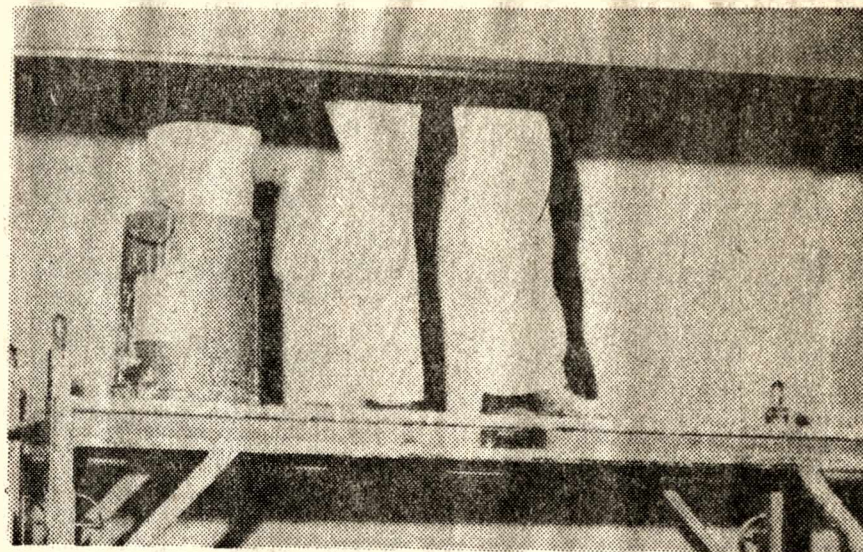
This is a view of the library's Seventh Street wing which extends out from the structure's main lobby area. Rows of books will be placed there as well as reading carrels where visitors can read undisturbed.



Tour library

Members of the local news media and library staff

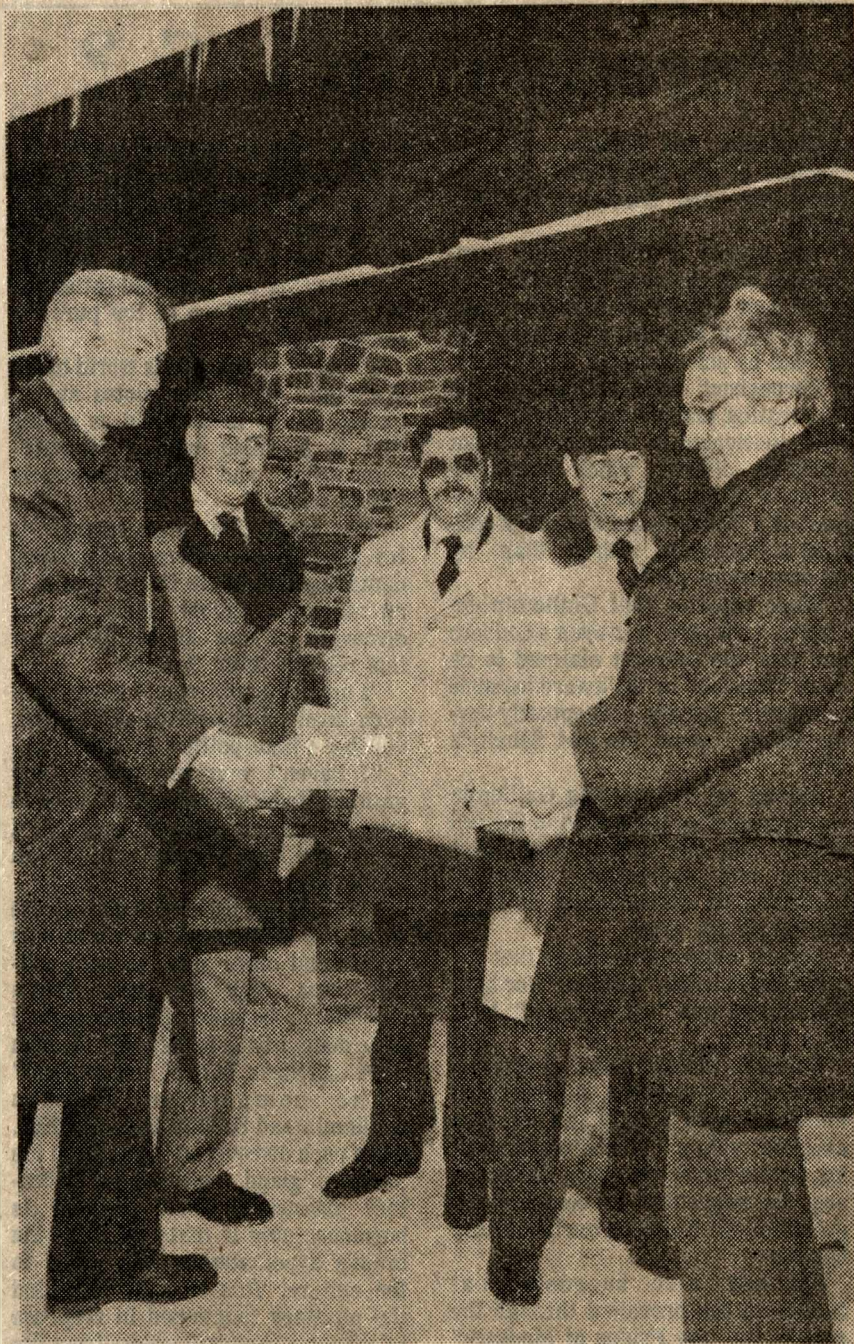
recently toured the new Vigo County Public Library which is located on South Seventh Street between Poplar and Walnut Streets. Tom Duwelies, far left, vice president of Shelton Hannig Inc., the company building the structure, stops a few moments to answer questions concerning completion of interior work on the building. The new library main building is expected to open in the spring.



Working behind the scenes

This painter is one of many construction people

literally working behind the scenes at the VCPL in order to complete the various jobs that still remain unfinished in the library's interior. Most of the wall space is being painted a neutral color and will provide a contrast to the colors in the carpeting, furniture and fixtures.



REAL ESTATE TRANSFER — Vigo County Public Library director Ed Howard, right, officially received possession of the new library building from principal contractor Shelton Hannig, left, in a brief Wednesday morning ceremony. Other participants included, from second left, Tom Duwelius, project manager; Dave Johnston, VCPL board member, and Bob Miller, building architect. Transfer of the property will enable Phase II contractors to begin the installation of furniture and furnishings while the sub-contractors complete last minute details of their work. The library will open at the new location on Monday, April 2, according to plans announced Tuesday. (Star Photo: Kadel)

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Emeline Fairbanks Library Closes Today

By ELIZABETH CIANCONE
Star Staff Writer

Saturday afternoon, the key will turn the lock behind the last patron, the custodian will slip out the side door and for all official purposes, the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library will be closed. Period.

The old building on North Seventh Street is being replaced by a new Vigo County Public Library (VCPL) main branch at South Seventh and Walnut streets. The new library facility opens next month.

Staff planning and discussions have been so long in the process, the bonding and construction have contributed to community excitement and anticipation and the hope of all concerned for a beautiful new service facility will soon be a reality.

There is a certain nostalgia about leaving the old building. So many generations of feet have worn hollows in the steps, so much service has been provided from desks crowded under stairs or into closets and cloakrooms. There is an understandable sadness with the joy. There is genuine emotional involvement with such a departure.

Library historian Irene McDonough recalls her pleasure at the "quality" of the EFML. "It was such pleasure to pass books in and out over a marble counter and use

mahogany furniture," she recalls. She spoke not only of the quality of the materials, but the beauty of the building with its stained glass and of the feeling of solid permanence.

Mrs. McDonough was a part of the planning for the new library and anticipates, with the rest of the community, its opening. "The space is very important and there is a beauty and color and style as we see beauty today," she said. "Still, it is comforting and pleasant for us 'old timers' to know that the old building is to be preserved and cared for," she concluded.

One patron who can hardly wait for the new building to open its doors is Bud Porter. Porter is confined to a wheel chair and has never been able to use the old library — he can't even get in. He plans to be one of the early patrons and just wants to be able to get in and look around and see for himself what the library has to offer.

Shubert Sebree has had a life-long love of books and anticipates using the third library he has known in Terre Haute. He was first taken to the old library — now demolished — which was housed in an abandoned church on North Eighth Street. "I was greatly impressed. It was like going into a treasure house," he remembers. Accordingly he was one of the first to patronize the EMFL

when its doors were opened in August of 1906.

Some time later, Sebree became a Socialist and recalls he approached politics "like a religious evangelist." He would check out as many books as he could carry from the library's fine collection of Socialist (pro and con) literature, and distribute it among interested co-workers at the glass factory. "I guess I was a sort of pioneer in media mobile service," he laughs.

How does he feel about the new library? "What a great addition to the community; what a force for betterment and a chance to improve the cultural opportunities here," he exclaimed. Because he is well-known as a book aficionado, Sebree has had a tour of the new facility and has high praise for the way the entire project has developed under VCPL Director Ed Howard.

Both Mrs. McDonough and VCPL Assistant Director Betty Martin spoke of the foresight shown in the planning of the Emeline Fairbanks building. Although the original building did not include an elevator, the expense precluded, there is still an elevator shaft where the elevator was to be installed "some day." It won't be needed now — at least not for moving books and patrons.

Mrs. Martin has worked in the old

building for more than 20 years and remarked particularly on the "elastic" nature of the building which she attributed to the initial planning. "There was a lot of unused space which made it easy to adapt and modify the building as needs changed over the years," she said, "but we got to the place where there was just no place else to go. You can stretch just so far!" And, she added, "We hope we have built this same flexibility into the new building."

"A library is not just a building," Mrs. Martin reflected, "but the building becomes a symbol to the community." Indiana State University President Richard G. Landini realizes this when he pledges the university "recognizing the importance of the building to the community will continue the tradition of openness and use," in reaching a decision on the future use of the structure.

A Chamber of Commerce spokesman noted the value of the location of the new building to the plans for the redevelopment of the downtown area and praised the "cultural dimension" the library adds to the commercial area.

And so, as the Emeline Fairbanks Building closes Saturday, the staff looks back in pride at the tradition of service at the same time they look forward with pride to continuing the tradition in a beautiful new building.

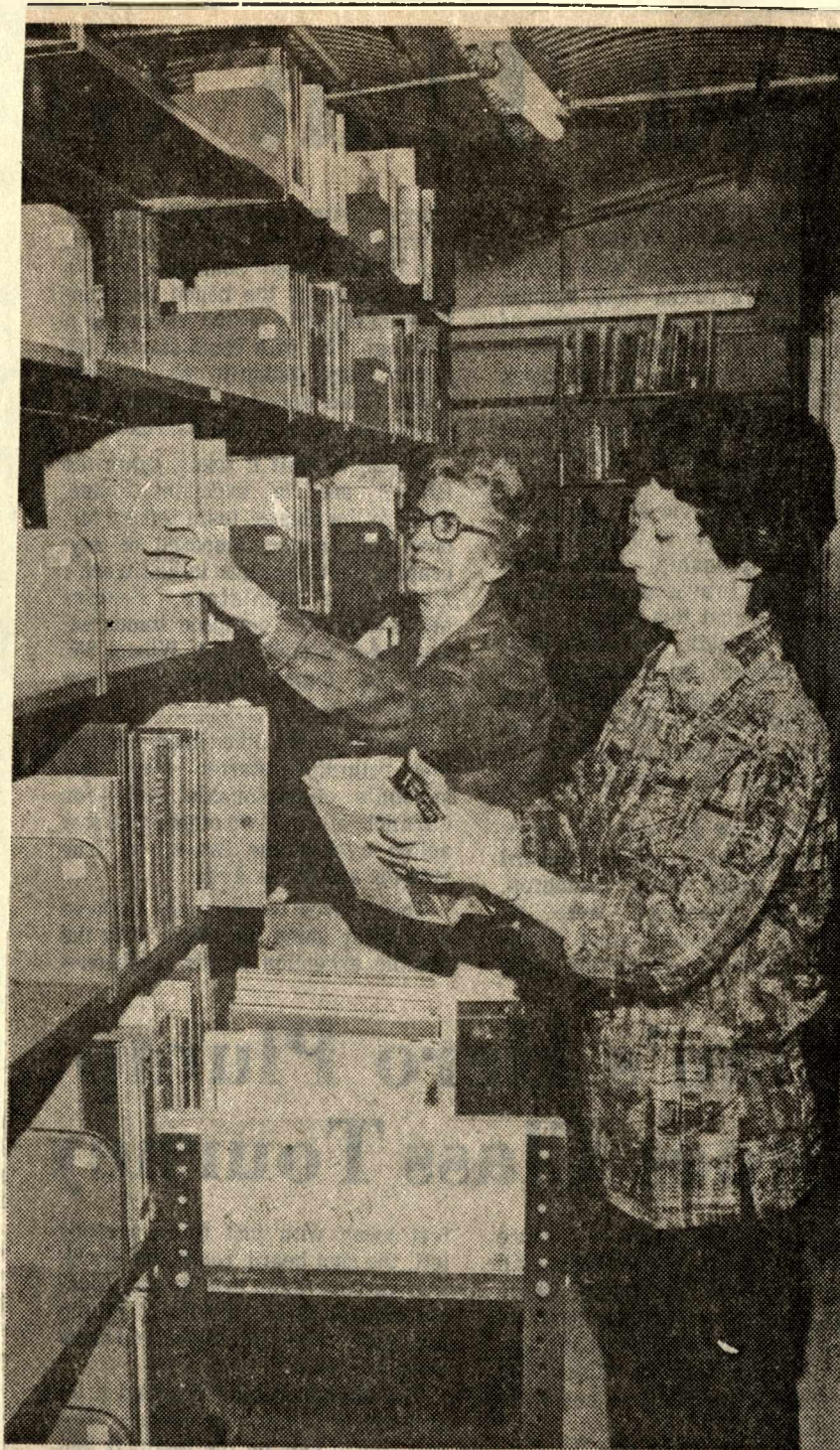
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Saturday Is The Last Day Of Operation For The Emeline Fairbanks Library On North Seventh Street



SENT PACKING — Librarians Daisy Bloodworth and Margaret Arden have been busy clearing basement bookshelves at the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library in preparation for moving day April 4. The books are loaded onto book carts, supplied by Library Relocators, so that the shelving can be released for refinishing. The old shelving is to be used in non-public areas of the new building as a cost-cutting measure according to Ed Howard, library director.

(Star Photo: Kadel)

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New Vigo library officially open

By DONITA HADLEY
Tribune Staff Writer

"May the memories of this day help us to remember that the library is here for our use and learning."

That was part of the prayer spoken by the Rev. Dale Watz, president of the Vigo County Clergy Association, during the grand opening ceremonies conducted Sunday afternoon at the new Vigo County Public Library located at Seventh and Poplar streets.

Memories of that day began around 1 p.m. at the Emeline Fairbanks Library on North Seventh Street where some 200 participants gathered to form a parade.

Leading the procession was the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology ROTC Color Guard followed by an antique car with riders Ed Howard, library director; Betty Martin, assistant director, and Arch Dunbar, pres-

Take a tour of the new Vigo County Public Library with TRIBUNE Staff Writer Donita Hadley. Read about her impressions of the new building and examine pictures from opening day on Page 10.

ident of the VCPL board.

Other parade participants included VCPL board members, members of the library staff, the South Vigo High School Marching Band and elementary school children dressed as story book characters.

Several hundred visitors and parade participants gathered at the library's Poplar Street entrance where library director Ed Howard welcomed everyone to the grand opening ceremonies.

The Rev. Dale Waltz gave the invocation and prayed that the new library would be a "source of great

inspiration and strength" to the community.

After the flag raising, 1,500 balloons were released from the southwestern corner of the library grounds and headed north on brisk, chilly wind. The balloons began their journey across the county bearing the date of the library's grand opening day.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony followed and included Arch Dunbar, president of the VCPL board; Adrienne Dunn, student at Sacred Heart Junior High School; Jamie Jacob, student at Lost Creek Elementary School, and Shubert Seabee, one of the oldest patrons of the VCPL system.

The doors then opened for the first time for visitors to tour the new facility from 2 to 5 p.m.

Library staff members were on hand to conduct tours and explain the various functions of the new building.

General contractor Shelton Hannig and architect Bob Miller were also on hand to answer any questions visitors might have about the design of the new structure.

Tour guides explained to visitors

that although most of the shelves were empty at this time, most of the library's books would be shelved by about the middle of May.

Shelving of the books that remain to be moved from the Emeline Fairbanks Library was postponed this week as the library's grand opening festivities continue through Saturday.

Monday has been named Recognition Day at the library. At 7 p.m. individuals in the community who have helped the establish the new library in some way will be honored and taken on a special tour of the building.

Tuesday is Theater Day and visitors to the library may attend any of the following performances: "What is Poetry," a Listener's Theater, 10 a.m.; "But That Poem Doesn't Even Rhyme," a Listener's Theater, 4 p.m. "Splish, Splash, Crash," a Listener's Theater, 4:30 p.m.; "Laundry Lovers and Life: A Collection of Writings from Contemporary American Women," a Reader's Theater from St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, 5:30 p.m.; readings from "Spoon River Anthology," 8 p.m.

Wednesday is Author Day and the library staff invites all local authors to attend a tea at 2 p.m.

Films will be featured Thursday and Friday is scheduled as Music Day. Saturday is Children's Day.

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Impressions At Library? 'We Dig It Here'

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By SHERRY L. HINTON
Star Staff Writer

If first impressions are meaningful, local citizens gave the new Vigo County Public Library a stamp of approval Sunday.

Area residents turned out in numbers for their first glimpse of the new library at grand opening ceremonies and both old and young agreed the library is great; a modern structure built in the tradition of the old.

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Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. James Ross commented the library "was really something to be proud of." They said they were impressed by the chandelier at the main entrance and the roominess

of the library. They also pointed out the library site had special memories for them because it was built on the former Wiley High School lot.

Eric Ewald, library employee, explained the cupola on the seventh street side of the library is from the old high school and highlights landscaping.

Chris Gordon, Terre Haute South Vigo High School senior, said, "The library's great. It's nice that a city as small as Terre Haute can have such a nice facility." He also commented the library has more space and a less formal, more relaxed atmosphere than the old library. Gordon said he has previously done a lot of his research for classes at Cunningham Memorial Library at Indiana State University, but the new library would be hard to resist.

Jim Davis, manager of Greenbriar Apartments, and his wife, said they were glad the library was finally completed, but it was well worth the wait. Davis said he uses the reference section and he expects it to be improved over the old library.

W.F. Runger, research chemist, said he and his wife use the library primarily for reading purposes. Both said the library is beautiful and a well-designed, advanced structure.

Also expressing her appreciation of the new library, Debby Vanatti, social security worker, emphasized the location is better and more parking is available. She also said she likes the new Sunday hours, but feels some space has been wasted in the library's passageways.

Although seventh grader Amy Harris studies at home, she said the new library is definitely an improvement over the old one.

Sherry Rossicoe, 13, and her brother, Duane, 12, said they really like the new library. Both checked out records at the old library and planned

to continue doing so. Sherry added she likes the individual study areas, and although she and Duane never studied at the library in the past, they intended to start.

Duane said, "You don't have to be as quiet in the new library," but he admitted it may just have been the grand opening festivities. Both Sherry and Duane said they live five blocks away and planned to walk and ride their bikes to the library.

Another companion of the Rossicoe's, Eric Pitts, 12, summed up for the three of them, "We dig it here!" He added the library was like a "recreation center."

One Terre Haute citizen even said she wondered it she was in the Hilton when she walked into the library. She must have been impressed.

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Join us in breaking ground
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Seventh and Walnut

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**ISU librarian dismissal
upheld by appeals court**
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The Indiana Court of Appeals has upheld the 1973 dismissal of a library employee at Indiana State University by ruling he was not a faculty member.

The decision against Eugene V. Muench, former director of technical services at ISU's Cunningham Memorial Library, upheld the actions of the university's administration and an earlier decision against Muench in Vigo County Superior Court.

Muench, who worked at ISU from Aug. 1, 1972, to June 30, 1973, claimed he was denied due process in appealing his dismissal. He was dismissed, the court said, on the grounds his work was unsatisfactory.

Muench argued he should have been given the same appeals rights as a faculty member, but the appeals court ruled the position he held was administrative.

The court also said since Muench was given the chance to appeal to the university president his rights to due process were observed.

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Two local residents will attend meet on libraries

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Two Terre Haute residents will be among more than 1,000 delegates, alternates and observers from across the country next month at the first White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services in Washington D.C.

Attending will be Dr. Richard Pierard, professor of history at Indiana State University, and Alice Wert, coordinator of technical services at the Vigo County Public Library.

The purpose of the event, scheduled for Nov. 15-19 at the Washington Hilton Hotel, is to shape a national information policy by recommending to President Carter policies and programs to deal with the future of libraries and information services through the 1980s and beyond.

Pierard was one of 12 state delegates and Wert was an alternate at the Indiana Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information Services last year in Indianapolis.

Among the key issues to be discussed in Washington D.C. are the right to privacy vs. freedom of information, the importance of meeting people's information needs as contrasted with other national priorities and the future role of libraries and information services in the "Information Age."

Delegates will have a unique information resource at hand as they draw up recommendations to the President: a working Information Center to function as a prototype library of the future. The center, designed by the Library of Congress, will combine

online data bases with telecommunications and more traditional library reference sources. Another feature will be a Congressional hearing on the last day of the conference, which will be co-chaired by Sen. Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.) and Rep. William Ford (D-Mich.).

In support of the conference, Gov. Otis R. Bowen has proclaimed each day of Nov. 15-19 as "Be With a Book Day" in Indiana.

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ARCHITECT PRESENTS LIBRARY KEYS — Architect Robert M. Miller, right, presents the keys to the new Vigo County Public Library to Ed Howard, library director, who accepts on behalf of the VCPL board. The presentation was made Wednesday morning at the library site located at 7th and

Walnut streets. Plans are for the library to open the first week of April. Attending the presentation are, from left, Shelton Hannig and Tom Duwelius, contractors; and David Johnston, library board treasurer.

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Vigo County Public Library Receives Tapes Designed For Gifted Children

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Librarian (H.H.)

By ELIZABETH CIANCONE
Star Staff Writer

"Let's Get Ready for the Gifted Child," a two-part audio cassette tape, is the outgrowth of research done by Betty Ross Jones and Dr. Debbie Coonrod. In tribute to the International Year of the Child, Mrs. Jones has presented a print of the tapes to the Vigo County Public Library where they will be available through the Audio-Visual Department.

Mrs. Jones, a consultant for pre-school gifted children, has specialized in pre-school/early-childhood development and elementary education at Cornell and Butler universities and has done additional work and research through Indiana State University. She is co-author and narrator for the tapes.

Dr. Coonrod, former educational specialist at Indiana University, Bloomington, has worked with Mrs. Jones in the preparation of the taped program. She is a consultant for the organization and administration of pre-school programs at Bloomington and the founder and owner of Debcon,

Inc., a Bloomington-based educational aids company.

The first of the two-part tape program is devoted to aiding parents and teachers in the identification of the gifted child. Included is a list of 25 characteristics of gifted children to be used as an aid in identification. Included are such clues as perception, self-direction, independence, delayed action and a concern for others.

The second tape suggests ways the special needs of gifted children can be met by parents and teachers. Mrs. Jones is an advocate of the need to use "normal" equipment in working with gifted children, in combination with adult guidance to assist the child in understanding and interpreting what he sees and hears — on television for example. "The gifted child needs to fit the norm of society," she suggests. She urges that gifted children not be isolated and labeled with special classes.

In making the tapes available through the Vigo County Public Library, Mrs. Jones emphasizes methods proposed on the tapes for working

with gifted children will work equally well with all students and should prove helpful to teachers of both average and gifted children.

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THE 'HOW TO' LADY — Mrs. Betty Ross Jones, left, demonstrates some of her homemade teacher aids found useful in identifying gifted children to young Chris Meyer and his sister Jill who were at the Vigo County Public Library Thursday afternoon. Carol Sutherland, VCPL Young People's Librarian, looks on. Chris is a student at

Davis Park Elementary School and Jill is a pre-school pupil at Immanuel Lutheran. Mrs. Jones presented a copy of her cassette tape "Let's Get Ready for the Gifted Child," to the Library where it will be available to parents and teachers through the Audio-Visual Department.

Clubs (Triple)

Libraries (J.H.)

Tri Kappa fund benefits local organizations

Association of Women

Recipients of money contributed from the Philanthropy Fund of Gamma Gamma chapter of Tri Kappa sorority include Clothes Closet, Girls Club of Terre Haute, Vigo County Historical Society, Planned Parenthood, the Vigo County Public Library George Foulkes Oral History Memorial Fund and 4C (Community Coordinated Child Care), according to Mrs. Robert Scott, president of the sorority's chapter.

Money from the fund will be used by the Clothes Closet for purchase of items not received in donations. Girls Club of Terre Haute will use their money for office equipment, and a paper cutter, nylon floor mats and storage boxes have been purchased by the Vigo County Historical Society.

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Planned Parenthood will use their money toward their building fund, and tapes and equipment were purchased by the Vigo County Public Library George Foulkes Oral History Memorial Fund. Plans are made to purchase items for the 4C Drop Off

Center with the money received from the Tri Kappa fund.

Money for the Fund is earned through the House of the Christmas Mouse. Scholarships are awarded each year, with the remainder contributed to local agencies.

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TESTING NEW EQUIPMENT — Batty C. Martin, assistant director of the new Vigo County Public Library, Kathy Foulkes and Cecelia Scott, presi-

dent of Tri Kappa sorority, try out tape purchased from a contribution from the Gamma Gamma chapter of Tri Kappa sorority. House of Christmas Mouse.

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Vigo Library Board has busy session

Vigo County Public Library Board met in regular session Monday evening and acted upon several items of business.

Director Ed Howard informed the board he had received notification from the State Board of Tax Commissioners that additional appropriations of \$12,549.75 had been approved for the Library Construction Fund as well as a sum of \$10,596 approved for the Inter-library Loan and Reference Referral Center Fund.

On the other hand, a request for additional funding the library had sought from the Harrison Township revenue sharing funds was denied. Howard reported he had received the denial in a letter from Paul Schoffstall Sr., Harrison Township trustee.

Effective Oct. 1 the VCPL began participating in a reciprocal borrowing program with 15 other state libraries. These libraries include Anderson, Bloomington, Columbus, Elkhart, Evansville, Gary, Hammond, Indianapolis, Lafayette,

LaPorte, Mishawaka, Muncie, Richmond, South Bend and Valparaiso. The program was developed by the state for participating libraries to share \$100,000 and to allow residents of these cities to have access to materials in these other state libraries. The VCPL has access to \$5,200 of the \$100,000 which will probably be appropriated for books, according to Howard.

A consideration of reaffirming the Staff Manual and the Materials Selection Policy were referred to old business for the next meeting.

Board president, Arch Dunbar appointed a two-member committee to work with attorney Guille Cox on the Staff Manual which includes selection procedures for new employees, work rules, etc. The manual which was written in 1969 was recently updated by the library staff.

The Materials Selection Policy was also recently updated and is a statement concerning how the library selects materials to be included in the collection.

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Library budget cuts to be appealed

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The State Board of Tax Commissioners has restored more than \$97,000 to the 1980 operating budget of the Vigo County Public Library, but that leaves \$75,795 to be cut from next year's budget.

An appeal is planned by the VCPL during an excess levy hearing scheduled Dec. 27 at Indianapolis in an attempt to obtain additional monies, however, the library board budget committee, after meeting with the staff budget review committee, recommended four areas where cuts can be made next year.

The four areas include salaries, contractual services, current charges and properties with the largest cut coming in the final category in the hope that library services will be least effected by that cut.

To reduce salaries by \$15,618, the budget committee made three recommendations, only one of which will have the effect of reducing library services. The 7.5 percent wage increase for salaried personnel, already voted by the board, will be retained, but there is to be no wage increase above the present hourly rate of \$2.90 for hourly employees. To realize a reduction in overtime wages

paid, the committee recommended the library begin closing on Sunday. The Sunday service was instituted in April when the new library opened. The Sunday closing will begin in January, according to Ed Howard, library director.

Board member George Dunkin urged this be considered as a temporary measure with Sunday openings to be reinstated if unused funds from other line-items on the budget can be diverted.

An additional \$15,000 saving is to be realized by reductions in five areas of contractual services: the telephone on the mediamobile is to be eliminated, travel expenditures will be reduced, the film circuit contract will not be renewed (present membership is paid through June 1980), and reductions will be made in microfilming and maintenance contracts.

By reducing fringe benefits related to salary and staff insurance savings, the committee cut another \$4,000 from the budget.

Finally, but reducing the amounts budgeted for furnishings and equipment and for such library materials as books, films, magazines and the like, a \$41,177 saving was recommended.

The board adopted the recommendation of the committee which went on to express the hope that state grant funds, usually amounting to approximately \$23,000 annually, be earmarked for library materials to restore as much as possible in this area of service. Increase of the hourly wage rate if additional funds become available was also a high-

priority item for the committee.

Members of the budget committee, Dave Johnston, Rosemary Duwelius and Rick Kassel along with board attorney Guille Cox and assistant library director Betty Martin will appear at the excess levy hearing appeal scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27 at Indianapolis in an effort to regain additional monies through excess levy hearing appeal.

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Libraries (T.H.) Community Affairs File

Vigo library recognized by Indiana association

DEC 10 1979

The Vigo County Public Library has been named Library of the Year by the Indiana Library Association/Indiana Library Trustee Association.

The award, a permanent wood and brass plaque, was presented to library director Ed Howard at the annual ILA/ILTA Convention last week in Indianapolis.

Library of the Year awards are given annually to libraries in the state which have shown notable expansion or improvement of service as recommended by American Library Association standards.

Selection is based on cooperation with other libraries, service, administration, materials selection and physical facilities.

VCPL was reportedly chosen primarily because of completion of the new main facility which has doubled circulation and greatly increased patron usage.

The committee also noted the Vigo County Library has "a long and im-

pressive history of service to community organizations, particularly through assistance from the professionally staffed Group Services Office.

"They also work cooperatively with other libraries as member of the Indiana Cooperative Library Services Authority and the Area Library Services Authority. Recently, they helped to effect a merger between two ALSA's for which they house the Interlibrary Loan and Reference Referral Center. In addition, they provide reciprocal borrowing for registered library users from surrounding counties."

Also receiving the ILA/ILTA Library of the Year Award was the Roanoke (Ind.) Public Library, a small system in northeastern Indiana which serves a population of less than 1,000 persons. Roanoke Library received the award on the basis of community participation in recent building renovation.

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William E. Price Selected For Library Board Vacancy

DEC 11 1979

In formal ceremonies scheduled for 9 a.m. Tuesday at the office of Vigo Circuit Court Judge Hugh D. McQuillan, William E. Price will receive the oath of office as a member of the Vigo County Public Library Board. Price is to fill the unexpired term of Arch. R. Dunbar who died Dec. 1.

The appointment, effective immediately, will expire July 1980.

Price is manager for the Terre Haute area of Public Service Indiana and has worked for PSI the past 22 years.

A native of Shelby County, Price was graduated from Indiana Business College with a senior accounting classification. He spent four years in the United States Navy prior to joining PSI as accounting assistant for the Columbus and Greenwood offices. He assumed the position of accounting supervisor at Terre Haute in 1962, and was promoted to office supervisor at Bedford in 1963 and to accounting supervisor at Columbus in 1966.

Price returned to Terre Haute in 1968 as division accounting supervisor and in 1970 he became division customer relations manager. He also served as area manager of the Bloomington office prior to assuming his current duties in 1975.

Price is involved in a number of civic and community activities in-

cluding Terre Haute Rotary Club. He is a past president of the Greenwood Jaycees and the Terre Haute Kiwanis Club and former treasurer of the National Association of Accountants. He currently serves as a board member of the local Junior Achievement and of the United Way of the Wabash Valley.

Price and his wife Mary Kay and their daughter Elizabeth reside at 6750 Dixie Bee Road.

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Library Officers Chosen

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By LIZ CIANCONE
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Vigo Library Board

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elects new president

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**Holiday library
hours announced**

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All Vigo County Public Library
branches will be closed Sunday, Mon-
day and Tuesday as well as Dec. 30 to
Jan. 1 in observance of the holidays,
according to an announcement from
the library administration.

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Carolyn Henson, Ethel Bell Reappointed To Library Board

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Carolyn Henson and Ethel Bell will be reappointed to third terms on the Vigo County Public Library Board, Library Director Ed Howard announced recently.

Bell will be sworn in by Vigo Superior Court Judge Hugh McQuillan at 9:30 a.m. Monday in his chambers and Henson will be reappointed at the same time by the Vigo County Commissioners.

The two were first appointed in 1974 when VCPL became a Class I Library. At that time, each received a one-year appointment. They were reappointed to four-year terms in July, 1975.

Henson, 116 N. 36th St., is current vice president/president elect of the Indiana Library Trustee Association. She will take office as president of ILTA in November. To date, she is the only member of a local library board to have served on the ILTA executive board.

Bell, One 29th St. Court, is an

instructor in the School of Nursing at Indiana State University.

Prior to July 1974 the Library's governing body was the Vigo County School Corporation. On July 15 of that year, the VCSC Library Board moved for the creation of a Class I library from a Class II status. Reasons for the change included the need to clarify the Board's legal status so that bonding authority could be granted for the construction of the new main library.

With the change to a Class I status, a new procedure for appointing board members was created. According to statute, the VCPL Board consists of seven members. The Vigo County Commissioners appoints two members, the judge of the Superior Court appoints three members, and the local school board appoints to two members.

While the basic term of office is four years, initial appointments were for various term lengths so that a staggered membership would occur.

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Tax Adjustment Board

SEP 13 1979

Begins Budget Reviews

By J. BLAINE AKERS
Star Staff Writer

Sixteen budgets, including that of the Vigo County Public Library, were examined Wednesday by the county's Tax Adjustment Board.

The seven-member board took action Wednesday on budgets of the 12 county townships, three incorporated towns and the library. Thursday, the board is to act on the budgets of the city of Terre Haute, the Terre Haute Sanitary District, Prairie Creek-Vigo Conservancy District and Hulman Field Airport Authority. Budgets of the county and school corporation are to be considered Friday.

The board is to examine, revise, change or reduce budget appropriations and tax rates which exceed state spending limitations. The board is permitted to make line-item cuts in the budget or may recommend a lump sum reduction in the general fund budget and require the individual governmental unit make the necessary line-item reductions after additional review by the State Board of Tax Commissioners.

According to Ed Howard, director of the public library, he intends to appeal budget reductions the library must make to stay within spending limits. The tax adjustment board reduced the library budget \$172,989, the exact amount it exceeded the maximum tax levy.

"Actually, we need a few more months to determine just how much we need to operate our new building. We'll appeal to the State Board of Tax

Commissioners in hopes they might possibly find us additional funding," Howard told the board.

Howard, through authorization of the library board, has begun a campaign to seek federal revenue sharing funds from township advisory boards, city council and county council. The library may accept federal revenue sharing funds from these governmental units to offset operating costs.

The director said the library has incurred unexpected costs in maintaining the grounds of the new library, as well as maintenance to the carpeting and purchasing of such items as light bulbs. Howard said double-digit inflation has affected the expected costs of energy, too.

"If we were to have to cut out the entire \$173,000, then probably we could not give pay increases to our employees, we would have to and reduce our hours and eliminate travel to conferences," Howard said.

Other action taken by the board included:

- WEST TERRE HAUTE — Reduced the budget by \$43,354, allowing the town board to make the needed line-item reductions in January.

- SEELYVILLE — Reduced the budget \$1,803, allowing the town board to make the needed line-item reductions in January.

- RILEY — Reduced the budget \$1,749, allowing the town board to make needed line-item reductions in January.

- SUGAR CREEK TOWNSHIP — Reduced the budget by \$57,096 by

making cuts in the poor relief fund.

- RILEY TOWNSHIP — Approved the budget as presented.

- PRAIRIETON TOWNSHIP — Reduced the budget \$1,426 by making cuts in poor relief fund.

- PRAIRIE CREEK TOWNSHIP — Approved the budget as presented.

- PIERSON TOWNSHIP — Reduced the budget by \$3,011 by making cuts in poor relief.

- OTTER CREEK TOWNSHIP — Approved the budget as presented.

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- HARRISON TOWNSHIP — Reduced the budget by \$118,060 by cutting the poor relief fund.

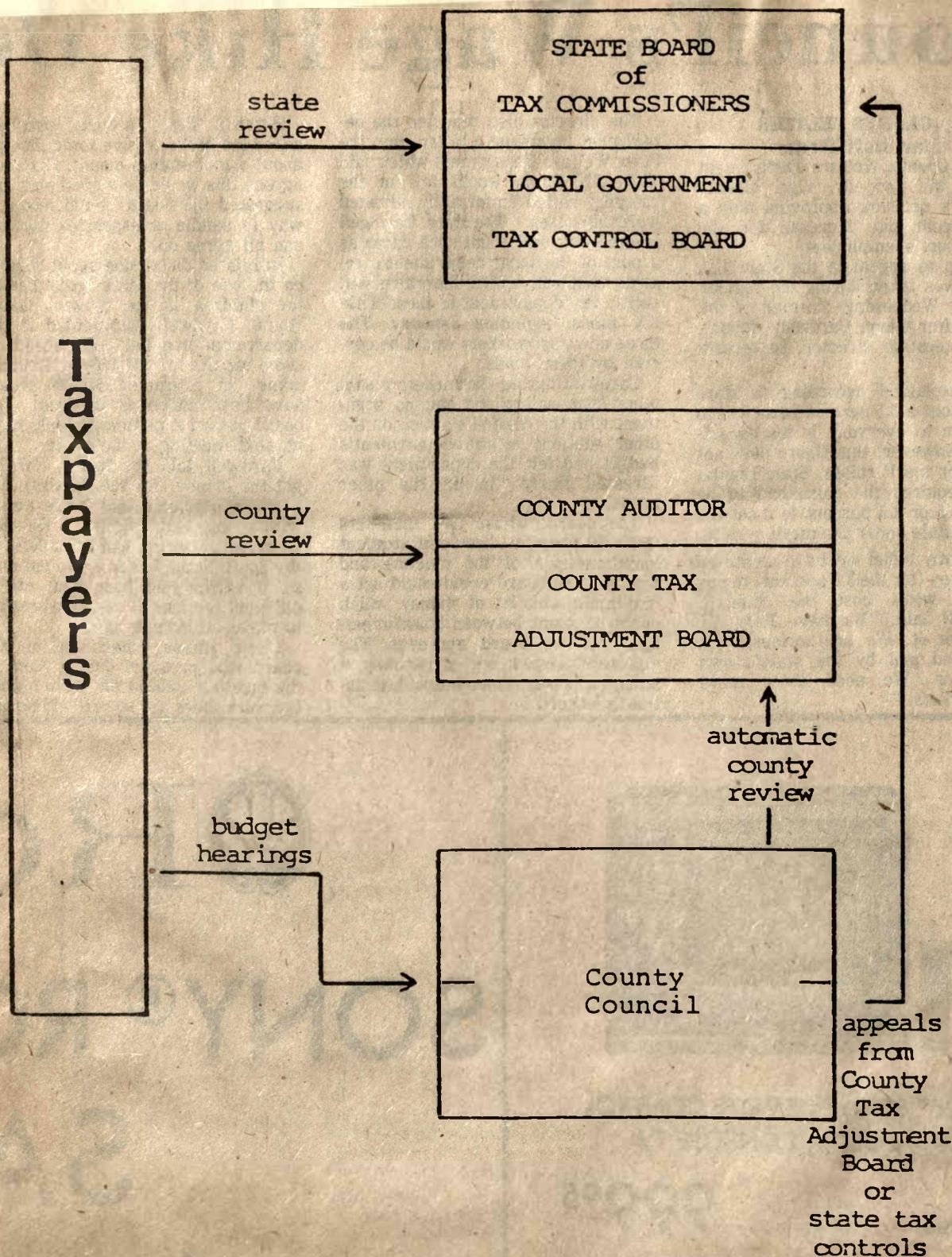
- FAYETTE TOWNSHIP — Reduced the budget by \$3,752 by making cuts in poor relief.

Members of the tax adjustment board include Charles Fouty, chairman; Joan Hetherington, vice chairman; Charlotte Caldwell, Mildred Finkbiner, Robert H. Pfister, Charles Toth and Scott McCullough.

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BUDGET REVIEW PROCEDURE — This graph illustrates the budget review procedure as provided by the Indiana General Assembly. Budget hearings for local units of government have been completed and the second stage, county review, has begun. The county tax adjustment board has until Oct. 1 to complete its review of local

budgets. The third phase, state review, entails hearings by the State Board of Tax Commissioners at which time appeals from county tax adjustment board determinations may be heard. (Star Graph: Indiana Farm Bureau County Governmental Statistical Report)

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Library opening slated for first week of April

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With the coming of spring, Vigo County residents can look forward to the opening of the new Vigo County Public Library, tentatively scheduled now for the first week of April, according to Ed Howard, library director.

Howard states that if the current schedule for moving into the library proceeds without change, a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be scheduled April 2 at the new library and an extended open house will be conducted.

As of this week, library architect Robert M. Miller completed his inspection of the building, made out a punch list (includes those items yet to be completed in the building) and informed the VCPL board that the building was functional.

**Opening
of new
building
for VCPL
set for
early April**

Miller then officially presented the keys to the new library to Howard during of ceremonies Wednesday on the grounds of the new facility, located at Seventh and Walnut streets.

The moving schedule includes the closing of the Emeline Fairbanks Building at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 3.

The actual transfer of books, furniture, files and other items will begin March 12 and should be completed by March 23. The remaining time will be utilized for getting the library ready for opening.

"We are aware we have so many things to do and a feeling of responsibility to do these things and do them right," said Howard concerning the library staff and the upcoming move. "There's great cooperation and spirit among the staff."

Howard pointed out that after the Fairbanks Library is closed, the other branch libraries will remain open and will "pick up the slack of borrowing and returning books." However, the Mediamobile will not be scheduled to run.

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Library board to seek action to recover borrowed materials

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The Vigo County Public Library Board met Monday evening and one main item of business involved authorizing attorney Guille Cox to institute civil action to recover approximately \$1,200 in library materials.

The materials were borrowed during the summer months by three persons who have not returned the items.

Cox said he would seek a judgment against the individuals and once the judgment was secured the library could use the office of sheriff to enforce the judgment.

Cox also noted the judgment would

remain enforceable for a period of 10 years and from the date of issuance and could be renewed.

The board also adopted two recommendations concerning the lending of equipment and materials and confidentiality of library user records and employee records.

According to Ed Howard, library director, "The community will see very little difference in the lending policy from what we have now."

"There will still be a two-week lending period," said Cox, "and a grace period. After that a suspension

notice will be sent and if the amount of materials warrants it, then the board may authorize the attorney to proceed with civil action against the borrower."

Concerning the confidentiality of information, he stated two types of information pertaining to the library can be confidential.

"What a person comes in and asks for and borrows is private information," said Cox. "As far as the staff is concerned, information in their files would be deemed confidential and of a personal nature."

Other business decided by the board included approval of change orders to affect state mandated standards for the elevator in the new library in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.

The board also authorized an expenditure of \$300 to rent 60 book trucks approximately two weeks before the move to the new library building in order to release wood shelving for refinishing.

The board named Dr. Allen Pratt, a library computer programmer from Indiana University, as consultant for a reference service micro-computer.

After the board adjourned, the board of finance met and elected Arch Dunbar as president and Rosemary Duwelius as secretary.

Dave Johnston was voted to represent the library board at the county finance board meeting.

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Library trustees open archives box

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By DONITA HADLEY
Tribune Staff Writer

Members of the Vigo County Public Library board met Monday evening in the new library facilities, One Library Square, to conduct their first monthly business meeting at the site.

The old became a part of the new as board members gathered around a small table in one of the public meeting rooms while construction superintendent Bill Mason cut open the 1904 copper archives box which had been removed from the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library cornerstone.

An examination of the contents by director Ed Howard revealed the box included the following items: pictures of Crawford Fairbanks' grandchildren; a 1904 city directory; a waterproof paper blotter dated Aug. 3, 1904; pictures of Henry and Emeline Fairbanks; a one-page history of the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library, written by Spencer F. Ball, a 1904 library committee member; a final edition of the Tribune Gazette dated Aug. 9, 1904; Terre Haute Journal printed in German, dated August 1904; Terre Haute Morning Star edition dated Aug. 10, 1904; Saturday Spectator dated Aug. 6, 1904; Terre Haute Evening Gazette (1903); and Masonic calendar and apron.

Also included in the box was a program about the laying of the cornerstone — an event conducted Aug. 10, 1904 by the Grand Lodge of Masons. Howard pointed out the library did not have a copy of the program.

A piece of paper indicated that Melvin Safford was responsible for the inscription and engraving of the cornerstone, and the copper box was made by Francis P. Downey.

Howard told board members and those attending the meeting that the contents of the box would be on public display in special collections by the end of this week.

Board attorney Guille Cox informed the board Vigo Circuit Court Judge Hugh McQuillan had issued a judgment approving the transfer of the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library property deed to Indiana State University on May 14. McQuillan had also given the board a form to be signed by the members when the Fairbanks library is finally vacated and the transfer is made.

In the director's report, Howard informed the board the summer schedule for the mediamobile had been issued June through August and that the addition of Ce-Mar subdivision on North 39th Street near the intersection of new and old U.S. 41 had been made.

Howard also recommended that the library be closed Sunday as well as Monday during the Memorial Day weekend.

In the report, Howard commented on the success of the library's grand opening conducted April 29 and the many hours of work contributed by the entire staff on the event. It was estimated that some 3,000 people attended opening day.

In other business, the board decided that the disposal of surplus furnishings and equipment from the old library would be carried out by means of a public auction after branch libraries obtain what might be used from the surplus. Howard was assigned to list those items that will be sold and to set a date for the auction which will be conducted at the old library site.

The next board meeting is scheduled for June 18 at 7 p.m. at the main library.

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Assembling of shelves for library under way

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Ed Howard, director of the Vigo County Library, has announced that final shipments of parts necessary to complete the assembling of shelves for the new Vigo County Library arrived this week.

Howard explained that an installer working under contract for the Estey Corp. (supplier of the shelving parts) is assembling the shelves this week.

"The shelves will be up prior to our grand opening Sunday," said Howard. "However, we'll do the moving of books and periodicals (from the Emeline Fairbanks Library) the week of May 7. We won't interrupt the grand opening with all the tours and

special events by trying to move books."

Howard also pointed out that the moving of the books and periodicals to the new facility should be completed by May 11.

Although visitors to the new library will not be able to check out books for several weeks yet, Howard did point out that many services will be available at the new facility's service stations including the audio-visual center and so forth.

The director added that all branch libraries are open to local residents and the Medimobile is in full operation.

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Library opening festivities set

By DONITA HADLEY
Tribune Staff Writer

A little over two years after ground-breaking ceremonies were conducted, the new Vigo County Public Library, located at Seventh and Poplar streets, will open to area residents.

Director Ed Howard, assistant director Betty Martin and the entire library staff have planned a week-long celebration of the event. Activities get under way Sunday afternoon with a grand opening scheduled from 1 to 5 p.m.

Since the county library's home has been in the Emeline Fairbanks Building on North Seventh Street since 1906, Sunday's celebration will begin at that location at 1 p.m.

A procession of about 200 persons, including the South Vigo Marching Band, library board members and school children dressed as book characters, will assemble at the old building and travel down Seventh Street to the new site. The procession itself "symbolizes the move from the old to the new," said Howard.

Participants and visitors then will gather at the Poplar Street entrance for the flag raising.

At 2 p.m., Howard (acting as emcee), the library board members, and several others will conduct the official ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Immediately following the ribbon cutting, 1,500 balloons bearing the date of the grand opening will be released at the southwest corner of the library grounds.

"The balloons are sort of like fireworks," said Jane Lloyd, chairperson of the VCPL grand opening planning committee. "Releasing them really launches the week-long festivities. Then the doors will open to the public for the first time."

Between 2:30 and 5 p.m., visitors and participants will have an opportunity to see the new facilities.

Tours will be conducted every five minutes beginning in the library's main lobby area. Residents will then be shown the 60 service stations, various meeting rooms and offices that are located throughout the three-level structure.

Staff members will be on hand all afternoon to explain the functions of their particular work stations.

A week of events has been slated to mark the library's opening; schedule, page 11.

Displays have been set up throughout the building.

Festivities continue through Saturday, May 5, with each day including a schedule of special events.

•Monday — Some 21 retired staff members will be honored at a morning tea. During the evening, individuals who have been helpful in the planning of the library will be recognized for their efforts and be taken on a special tour of the library.

•Tuesday — This is theater day and will feature several performances of Listener's Theater productions presented by Indiana State University students. Community Theater members and students from St. Mary-of-

the-Woods College will also perform.

•Wednesday — Local authors are invited by the library staff to an afternoon tea to meet and discuss their work.

•Thursday — This day features films, including a special presentation of children's movies to be shown in the afternoon.

•Friday — It's a day of music, music, music, featuring performances by local artists such as Marilyn Billups, cellist with the Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra.

•Saturday — This day is set aside for children to tour the new library.

How do library staff members feel about their new work location? "They're really excited for a lot of reason," said Lloyd. "Some have been in this system for years and they remember back to the day it (library) was still a dream."

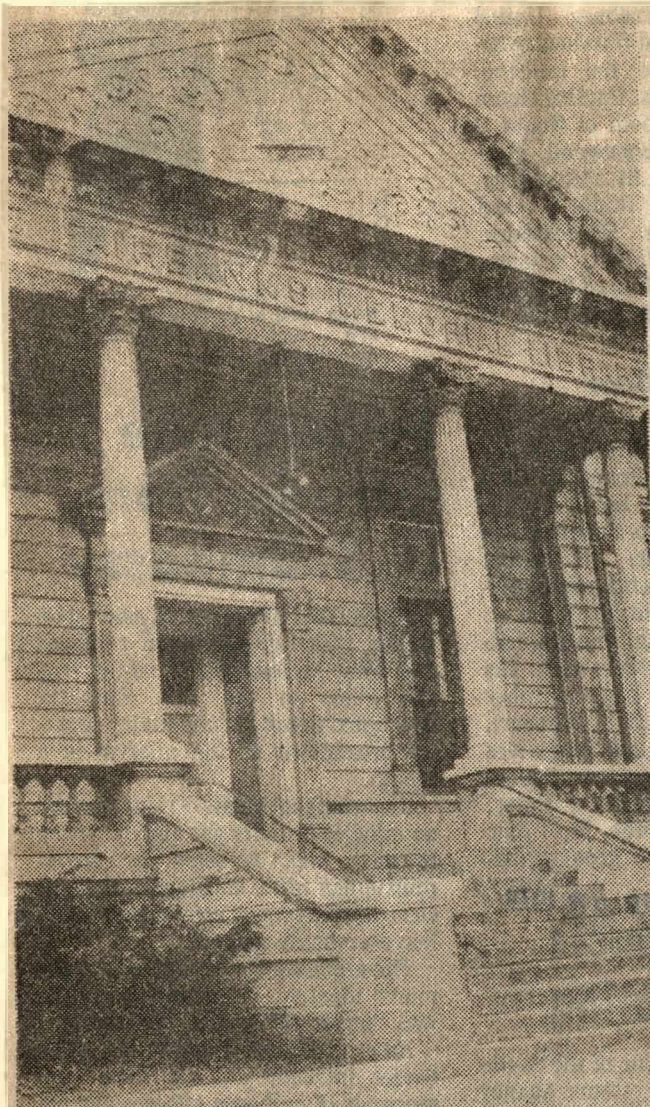
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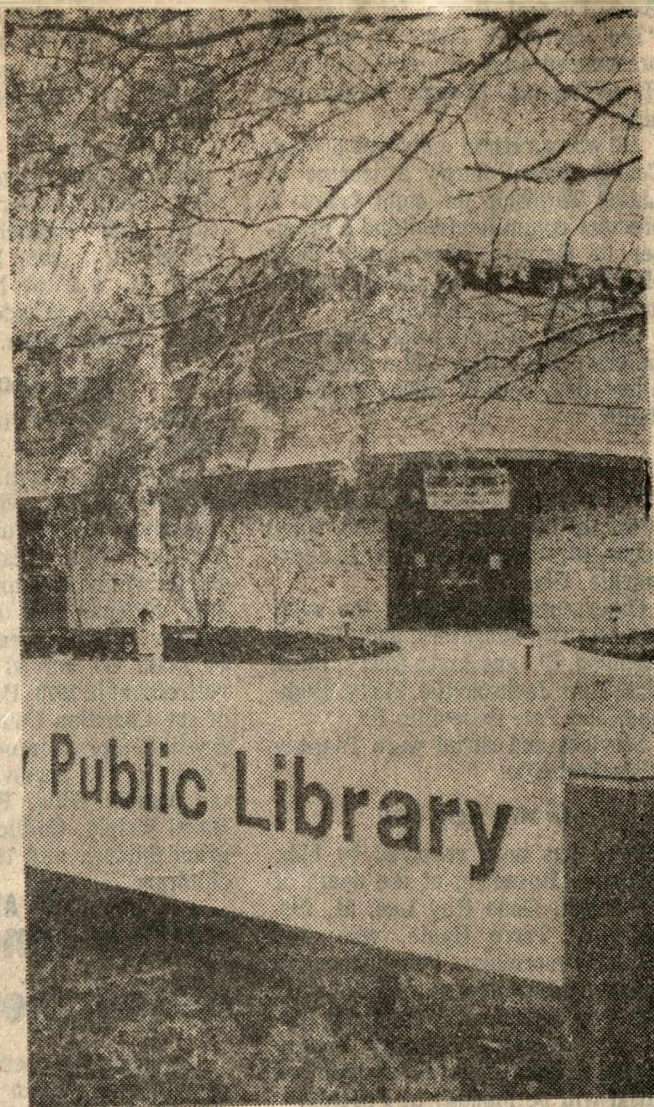
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FROM THE OLD — Sunday 200 participants in the Vigo County Public Library grand opening will form a procession at the Emeline Fairbanks Library and walk down South Seventh Street to the new public library building.



TO THE NEW — One Library Square is the address for the new VCPL. Doors will open to the public for the first time Sunday afternoon during grand opening ceremonies from 1 to 5 p.m.
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Coming attractions

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The grand opening of the new Vigo County Public Library is scheduled for this weekend, as well as the opening of the 1979 Designers' Show House.

The new library, located at Seventh and Walnut streets, has a busy schedule of events beginning with an open house from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 29. The ribbon cutton will be at 2 p.m.

Monday through Friday have been designated as special days, and the library will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Monday is Special Recognition Day, Tuesday is Theater Day, Wednesday is Author's Day, Thursday is Film Day, Friday is Music Day, and Saturday is Children's Day.

Also open Saturday is The Designers' Show House, sponsored by the Women's Service League of Union Hospital. Various interior decorators in the Terre Haute area have cooperated in redecorating the Visiting Nurse Association office at 328 S. Fifth St., formerly the Cox-Schell-Blumberg home.

The house will be open through May 13. Hours are noon to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, and noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

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Persons picked to cut library ribbon

The ribbon cutting will be done by the following persons:

- Lucille Bush, widow of the late Ned A. Bush, Sr. who at the time of his death was a member of the Vigo County Public Library Board, will represent the board and the staff.

- Shubert Sebree, whose use of the local library began before the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library was built in 1906 when he visited the Terre Haute Public Li-

brary then housed in the former Universalist Church at 119 N. 8th St., will represent the recent past.

- Adrienne Gunn, 13-year-old student at Sacred Heart School selected by the Terre Haute Girls Club, and Jamie Jacobson, 10-year-old student at Lost Creek School selected by the Terre Haute Boys Club, will represent the near future.

- Brooks Forter, Jr., confined to a

wheel chair by an accident a number of years ago, will represent the approximately 15 percent of county citizens unable to use the main library because of the steps but who will now be able to.

Meanwhile, the library staff has scheduled an informal tea to honor area authors for Wednesday, May 2, between 2 and 4 p.m. in the meeting room complex.



Prepare for opening

Library workers get ready to hang balloons in preparation for the opening Monday. They are Linda Hardin, Barbara Baker and Jayne Lloyd, who is in

charge of public relations for the Vigo County Public Library.

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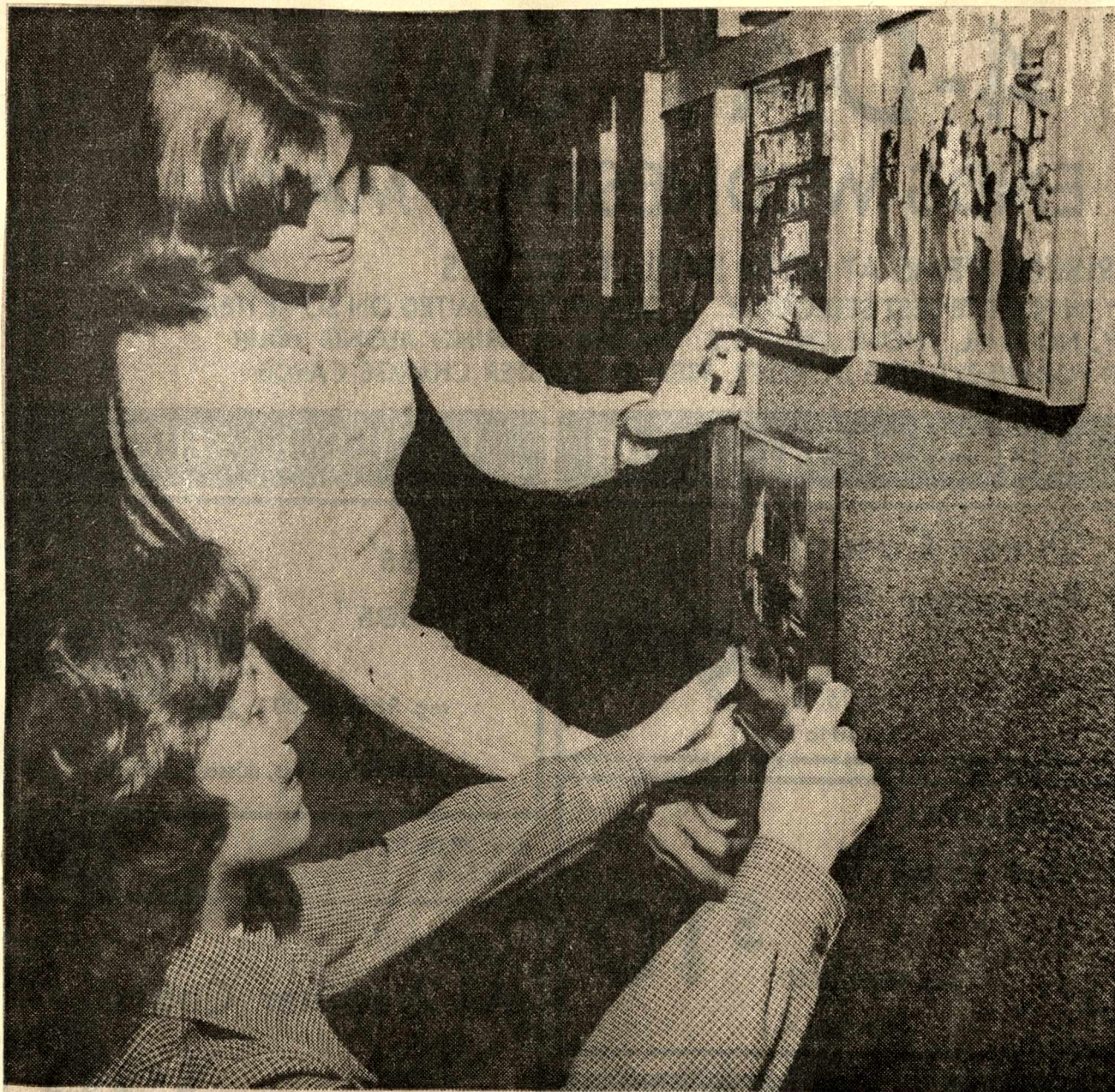
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Put on finishing touches

Two Vigo County Public Library workers hang pictures as the final touches are put on before the new library's formal opening Monday at One Library

Square. Workers are Kathlene Davidson and Kay Wilson.

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New Library Has Most Services Ready

By CINDY L. BAUM
Star Staff Writer

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After two years of waiting and watching the construction of the new Vigo County Public Library, an anxious public was admitted inside the building for the grand opening Sunday.

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The day's festivities included a parade featuring South Vigo band, children dressed as storybook characters, and the Rose-Hulman ROTC Color Guard and Drill Team.

Harmon Boyd, one of the organizers of the ceremonies, conducted a flag raising ceremony at the entrance of the new building, with the Rev. Dale Waltz, president of the Vigo County Clergy Association, giving the invocation.

After some 1,500 balloons were released, the ribbon across the front door was cut. Snipping the ribbon was Shubert Sebree, a lifelong resident of Terre Haute, Adrienne Dunn, a 13-year-old from Sacred Heart School representing the Terre Haute Girls Club, Jamie Jacob, 10, from Lost Creek School representing the Terre Haute Boys Club, and Arch Dunbar, president of the library board of trustees.

"It feels great," said Ed Howard, VCPL director, about the library finally being opened. "We are ready to open."

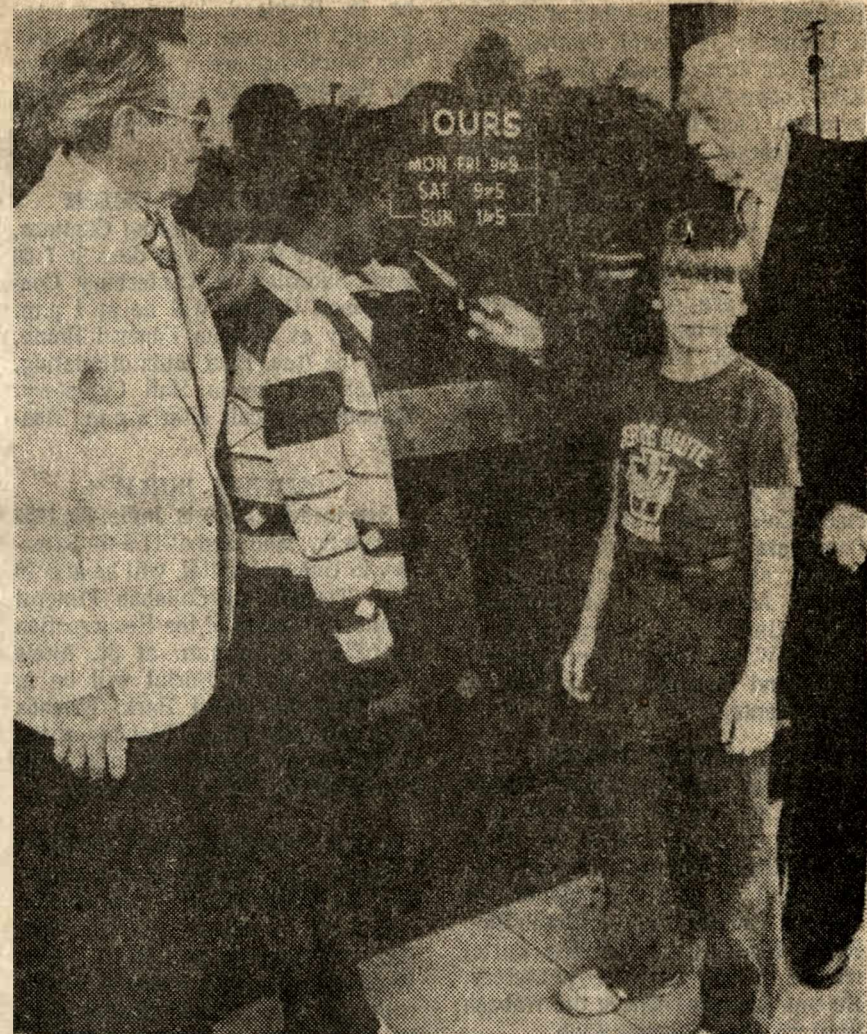
Howard said it would be a week or so before books would be ready for the public to use. Most of the books have not been moved to the new building because of difficulty in obtaining shelving from the supplier from which new shelves were ordered.

"As we get it done, it will be available to the public," he said.

Howard noted the library is accessible for the handicapped. "In recent years that is one of the requirements for building," he said.

Other festivities during the day included tours of the library and a reception in one of the meeting room complexes. Also featured was a slide presentation of the construction from the groundbreaking ceremony to the final touches. The slide show was courtesy of Shelton Hannig, Inc., construction company which built the library.

Grand opening ceremonies will continue throughout the week. Scheduled events include a reception and tour for Monday, retired VCPL staff members and a musical program; Tuesday, theatre-related events; Wednesday, recognition of authors, local and nationally known; Thursday, variety of educational and art films; Friday, musical events, and Saturday, events geared toward children, featuring the Happiness Bag Players.



LIBRARY GRAND OPENING — Ribbon-cutting ceremonies took place Sunday as the new Vigo County Public Library opened its doors to the public. A variety of festivities, including a parade, accompanied the ceremonies Sunday and many more activities are planned throughout the week. Participating in the ribbon-cutting ceremony were, from left, Arch Dunbar, board of trustees president; Adrienne Dunn, representing the Terre Haute Girls Club; Jamie Jacob, representing the Terre Haute Boys Club, and Shubert Sebree, lifelong resident of Terre Haute. (Star Photo: Kadel)

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The Star, Terre Haute, Ind., Saturday, June 9, 1979



IN MEMORIAM — The memory of the late Ned A. Bush Sr. is going to be ever green thanks to a crimson king maple which has been planted at the northwest corner of the new Vigo County Public Library, near the Walnut Street entrance to the parking area. Admiring the tree following the ceremony Friday are Rick Kassell and Mrs. Ned A. Bush Sr. Kassell has taken the place of his grandfather on the Vigo County Public Library board of trustees. The late Mr. Bush was active during the building program for the VCPL as a board member. The tree was presented in his memory by other members of the library board and the board attorney.

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Book shelves hold up move

As the Vigo County Library board prepares for the new library's grand opening scheduled April 29, the main point of discussion during the board's monthly meeting Monday evening was the fact that some 80 percent of the book shelving has not been completed at the new location.

The problem, according to Ed Howard, director, is due to the failure of the Estey Corp., located in Red Bank, N.J., to deliver a shipment of parts necessary to assemble the metal shelves which have already been delivered.

"The only shelving that is up and in use at the present time," said Howard, "is some wood and metal shelving that we moved from the old library building. Fortunately, this includes shelving for the Mediamobile collection so it is in operation."

Howard explained that "most of the shelves" have been delivered by Estey, but what is needed to complete the assembling of the shelves are brackets and other "essential parts."

The director emphasized that the new library is still scheduled to open the latter part of April as planned. "We can provide all facility and information services," said Howard, "and personal services, except for those things that require use of the majority of our book collection."

Howard also stated there would be complete audio visual services and meeting rooms would be open for public use.

The young people's library will be open, however, the director pointed out "almost no books are up there yet."

Concerning Estey, Arch R. Dunbar, board president, stated Monday evening he had personally telephoned the corporation a "half-dozen" times about the shipment problem.

Guille Cox, attorney for the board, also has contacted the corporation several times and was told the shelves were "on the truck," "they're being loaded" or "they're ready," according to reports.

Currently, Estey has stated that the required parts will be shipped Wednesday and are to arrive in the city Friday or Monday.

The shelving problem also has created other difficulties in the moving process.

Due to the delay, the board reportedly had to grant an additional \$3,990 to extend the contract of Library Relocation Consultants, the company moving books from the old library to the new location.

The original contract for moving was \$10,790. The board attorney stated, however, that the Estey Corp. or the bonding company could be made to pay the extra cost.

Other board business included approval of a \$2,500 expenditure for the installation of parking barriers at the south side of the library on South Seventh Street.

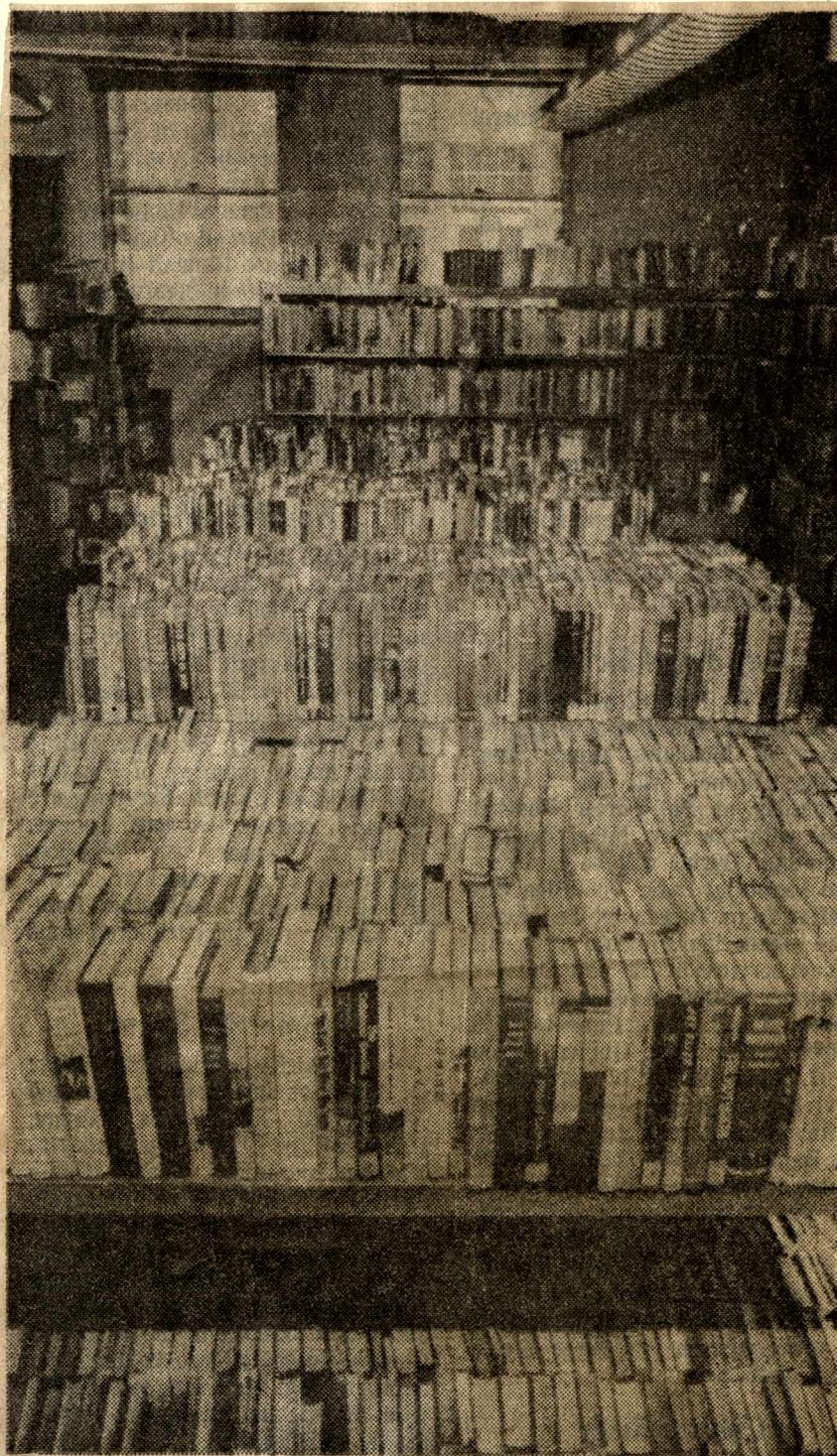
The board also approved a report by the director which included a request for increasing the reimbursement for use of his personal auto on authorized trips from 15 cents per mile to 20 cents per mile.

A gift from local attorney Mort Swango was accepted by the board. The gift is a drawing by R.F. Morgan of Joseph, chief of the Nez Perce Indians, and his surrender speech of Oct. 5, 1877.

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No room in the inn?

Actually, it's a matter of no shelves in the new Vigo County Library for all these books which are still "waiting" to be moved out of the old Emeline Fairbanks Library. The hold up reportedly is the result of a shipping problem with the Estey Corp. which has failed to deliver the necessary parts to assemble the new metal shelves for the library. The corporation has stated it will ship the parts this week and the truck should arrive Friday or Monday in the city. Opening date for the library is still scheduled for April 29, as planned.

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Daughter Of Former Librarian Tours New VCPL Building

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Miss Ethel Hughes celebrated her 91st birthday Thursday with a tour of the new Vigo County Public Library. It had been her request that she see the new building since her mother, Sallie Hughes, served as head librarian at the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library from its opening in August 1906 until her death in January 1927.

Miss Hughes is now a resident of the Clara Fairbanks-Chauncy Rose Home, and prior to her retirement, served as a teacher at the McLean Junior High School.

VCPL Director Ed Howard and other library staff members greeted Miss Hughes at the main lobby of the new building at 10 a.m. Thursday. Of special interest to her was the exhibit of artifacts from the cornerstone of the former main building. The sealed box was opened at the May meeting of the Library Board, and its contents are on display in the special collections area of the new library.

At the conclusion of her tour, Howard and his staff presented her with a number of mementoes of the new building and, in return, she gave the library a portrait of her mother as head librarian, and an earlier tin-type portrait of Sallie Hughes as a young lady. The former picture was included in the 1977 history of the library by retired librarian Irene McDonough.

Mrs. McDonough also drew on Ethel Hughes' recollections for "The History of the Public Library in Terre Haute 1816-1975." Miss Hughes recalled her mother regarded four things as her greatest accomplishments at the library — making provisions for open shelves, reserve lists, children's story hours and branch

service. The account continues "these were dreams only — dreams of service" when she took the position as head librarian.

Sallie Hughes continued to serve beyond her 70th birthday. Just prior to her death in early 1927, she kept in touch with her staff by telephone. She was, Mrs. McDonough wrote, "the power behind the first two decades of development of the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library."

Marimba Soloist To Offer Recital

Deborah Lee Schwomeyer will present a solo marimba recital at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Sheldon Swope Art Gallery, 25 S. Seventh St., as a part of the performing arts series at the gallery, according to Robert D. Kinsman, director.

She is principal percussionist/timpanist with the Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra and has a master's degree in music from Indiana State University.

The recital is free and open to the public, the director pointed out. The performance will include a premiere performance of "Six Gamut Studies" by Barney Childs; "Gemini" by James Riley; "Soliloquy" by Robert Lo Presti; "Two Movements for Marimba" by Toshimitsu Tanaka; "Frogs" by Keiko Abe and "Two Mexican Dances" by Gordon Stouts.

SCHOOL RULE

The Supreme Court ruled on June 25, 1976, that private, nonsectarian schools could not exclude black children because of their race.



MOTHER'S CAREER — Miss Ethel Hughes, daughter of the first head librarian of Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library, had the opportunity to tour the new building and examine the contents of the cornerstone from the old building Thursday with library director Ed Howard. Of special interest to Miss Hughes was a 1904 edition of the Terre Haute Star. The tour was arranged at Mrs. Hughes' request in celebration of her 91st birthday.

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**Tapes on gifted child
presented to library
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"Let's Get Ready for the Gifted Child," a two-part audio cassette tape, is the outgrowth of research done by Betty Ross Jones and Dr. Debbie Coonrod.

In tribute to the International Year of the Child, Mrs. Jones has presented a print of the tapes to the Vigo County Public Library, where they will be available through the Audio-Visual Department.

Mrs. Jones, a consultant for pre-school gifted children, has specialized in pre-school/early-childhood development and elementary education at Cornell and Butler universities and has done additional work and research through Indiana State University.

She is co-author and narrator for the tapes.

Dr. Coonrod, former educational specialist at Indiana University, Bloomington, has worked with Mrs. Jones in the preparation of the taped program.

She is a consultant for the organization and administration of pre-school programs at Bloomington and the founder and owner of Debcon Inc., a Bloomington-based educational aids company.

In making the tapes available through the Vigo County Public Library, Mrs. Jones emphasizes methods proposed on the tapes for working with gifted children will work equally well with all students and should prove helpful to teachers of both average and gifted children.

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First Terre Haute telephone system

The first telephone exchange in Terre Haute was incorporated on February 18, 1880—almost 99 years ago—according to records in the Vigo County Public Library.

In June of that year, the system operated out of the top rooms of the Buntin Drug Store with regular service from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m.

The day operator was Will Ripley and the night operator was Charles W. Willmouth.

P. L. Dunbar first editions given to VCPL by F. Blanche Foster

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The Vigo County Public Library has received four first-editions of the works of Paul Laurence Dunbar from author-librarian F. Blanche Foster. The gift books come from Foster's personal collection and were presented to the library in observance of Black History Month. Receiving the books for VCPL was Jessie Hord, reference librarian.

Paul Laurence Dunbar was the first black poet to receive national recognition in the United States. He was known as the "people's poet" and became famous for his poems in Black dialect. He also wrote many short stories and four novels. The donor's first editions are samples of his versatility and include two books of poetry, "Candle-Lightin' Time" and "When Malindy Sings;" one book of short stories, "Folks from Dixie;" and a novel, "The Sport of the Gods." The books are being catalogued and soon will be available to the public in the library's Special Collections Room.

Foster is a librarian at South High School and has authored several books herself. Among them are "Dahomey," "Kenya," and "The West Indies, A Conceptual View," all of which are available for borrowing at the main branch library. She is currently completing her fifth book.

Dunbar first editions honor Black History Month

F. Blanche Foster, author-librarian, left, presents four first editions of the works of Paul Laurence Dunbar to Jessie Hord, reference librarian for the Vigo County Public Library. The presentation is in honor of Black History Month.

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GRASSROOTS HEARINGS
A SUMMARY

Approximately 300 people attended the seven Area Grassroots Hearings held in June in preparation for the Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information Services which took place in Indianapolis on August 11-13, 1978. The results gave input on issues to the conference planners and allowed many persons who would not be delegates to meet with delegates and alternates to express their concerns about library services.

Mrs. Lynn Gee chaired the committee which developed the hearings in the following seven locations: Huntington Public Library, Plymouth Public Library, Lafayette School Corporation, Jasper Public Library, Jennings County High School (North Vernon), Indiana State Library (Indianapolis), and South Vigo High School (Terre Haute). Serving on the committee were Mrs. Marge Buechlein, Jasper; Mrs. Nina Babcock, Terre Haute, and Mrs. Mona Slaton, Indianapolis, who recorded all the sessions. Hosts and leaders were Lynn Gee, Jean Christian, Ferne Johnson, Jean Jose, Phyllis Land, Nina Babcock, and Alice Wert.

Some of the major issues to come out of these hearings were concerns about the need for expanded publicity and public relations by the libraries to build a public awareness of services offered; the need to fund the Area Library Services Authorities on a state-funded basis; the need for all citizens of the state to have access to library services; the need for libraries to be involved in literacy programs for children and adults; the need for cooperative use of technology; and re-evaluation of funding formulas at local, state and national levels.

The evaluations questionnaire for the Governor's Conference was tested at the Grassroots Hearings. Eighty-nine percent of them were returned. Those who responded represented a balance of urban, suburban, rural and political affiliation, and fifty-five counties. Fifty-nine percent of those attending worked in libraries. A majority indicated that they felt that the Hearings were successful in identifying needs and discussing how these could be met, providing free and open discussion, and many noted that the outcome of the meeting reflected the sentiments of those in attendance. The questionnaire also brought out the need at the Conference to

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keep the discussions general enough for everyone to be included, to have adequate sound equipment, and to avoid undefined jargon.

These hearings helped to realize the Conference goal of bringing about cooperation between citizens and librarians in identifying information needs and of involving the public at the grassroots level in deciding action in support of needed services.

A summary of the Governor's Conference will appear in the November issue of *Library Occurrent*.

CIRCUS BOOKLET AVAILABLE

There's nothing quite like the thrill of a circus . . . with its big top, clowns, side shows and animal acts. If you have a chance to visit the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, you'll have an opportunity to visit "The Circus" display presented by Sears, Roebuck and Company . . . a miniature circus complete with clowns, concession stands and wild animals.

Now, the Museum has published a booklet that tells about that display and features many full-color pictures of the exhibit, plus fun pages that feature things such as a clown-mask to be colored and cut out, a circus menagerie and a puzzle.

The booklet alone presents a great deal of the history of the circus and could be used as a resource for special programs or just as an addition to your collection. Cost of the Circus booklet is \$1.19 plus 30¢ for postage and handling. The \$1.49 should be mailed with your order to: Book Mart, Museum of Science and Industry, 57th Street and Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60637.

1878 TIPPECANOE COUNTY ATLAS TO BE REPRINTED

The Tippecanoe County Historical Association is sponsoring the reprinting of the rare 1878 *Historical Atlas of Tippecanoe County* (Indiana) with a new index compiled by the Association. Included in the atlas are histories of each township, the county and the area; maps; 145 portraits of prominent citizens; and 130 views and illustrations of public buildings, farm and street scenes. Of special interest to historians and genealogists are the 85 biographical sketches of prominent county citizens and the 640 atlas patrons, giving their date of settlement, nativity, occupation—by township.

For information on costs and publication dates, contact the Tippecanoe County Historical Association, 909 South Street, Lafayette, Indiana 47901.